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Step by Step



Obama consoles town flattened by tornado

President Barack Obama walks towards the Plaza Towers School in Moore, Okla., with Oklahoma officials on Sunday, May 26, 2013.

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MOORE, Okla. - President Barack Obama walked among 10-foot-tall piles of tornado debris littered with children's schoolbooks Sunday as he offered the con-

dolences of a nation to a town nearly wiped off the map by a storm, promising that the government will be behind them "every step of the way." Standing next to the rubble that was once the Plaza

Towers Elementary School, and the place where seven children lost their lives when the tornado touched down a week ago, the president declared his confidence that Moore would rebuild and recover and pledged

the support of his government, and the nation, toward that goal. "This is a strong community with strong character," Obama said with a grim face, as he stood with Mary Fallin, the Republican

governor of Oklahoma, and other local officials. "There's no doubt they will bounce back. But they need help."

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Huge crowd cheers Argentine leader's 10-year rule

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Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

(AP) — Argentine President Cristina Fernandez rallied a huge crowd Saturday night and into Sunday morning celebrating the 10-year government that she and her late husband Nestor Kirchner began in 2003. Her voice breaking, she called it a victorious decade, "won not by a government

wealth in the hands of its poorest people will continue to be the pillars of this government, she said. "Equality is the grand symbol of this decade and of those to come," she vowed. Her opponents took aim at the "decade won" theme, noting that the years of strong economic growth have ended, and saying that if this is what victory looks like, Argentina is in big trouble.

inaugurated on May 25, 2003 at a chaotic time; the country was still suffering from its 2001 crisis, and poverty was extreme. The Kirchners began an era of social inclusion, external debt reduction and state intervention that was the exact opposite of the privatization binge and anything-goes capitalism that characterized Argentina in the 1990s. Ten years later and going

political and economic life." But Fernandez's approval ratings have dropped sharply recently amid rising inflation and crime, corruption allegations involving top appointees and allied businessmen; increasingly heavy-handed economic controls; and efforts to transform the justice system. Critics say the real goal is eliminating

challengers to presidential months, and the crowd gathering in the Plaza de Mayo to hear Fernandez speak Saturday night was intended to provide a powerful counterpoint. Hundreds of thousands of people were bused in by the "organized and united" network of pro-government groups, and their flags and huge TV screens were installed in nearby streets. "This is the government I



The government house is bathed in purple light as fireworks explode overhead during a government rally in Buenos Aires, Argentina, late Saturday, May 25, 2013. Cristina Fernandez's government and supporters are celebrating 10 years since she and her late husband Nestor Kirchner have held office, and the 203th anniversary of the Argentina's May Revolution.

(AP Photo/Natasha Pisarenko)

but by the people." This year's election will determine whether Fernandez has enough votes in congress to undo constitutional term limits and extend her rule beyond 2015. But she suggested Saturday night that she won't try. She said "I'm not eternal, nor do I want to be." Putting human rights violators on trial and pushing to put more of Argentina's

Whether the Kirchners' decade will be remembered for its historic achievements or its missed opportunities depends on whom you talk with in Argentina, where society is bitterly divided over their legacy. Analysts consulted by The Associated Press said they deserve credit for fostering 7 percent average growth and restoring power to the presidency. Kirchner was

it alone after her husband died of a heart attack, Fernandez has intensified her government's control over the economy and diverted billions of dollars more to subsidizing the poor. "This is an extraordinarily significant decade in Argentine history," said philosopher Ricardo Forster, a supporter. The transformations have managed to enrich the social, cultural,

power. "This decade represents a tremendous missed opportunity, which you can see by looking at what other countries in the region have done with similar possibilities and limitations," said sociologist and attorney Roberto Gargarella, a government critic. Thousands of citizens have joined a series of pot-banging protests in recent

always dreamed of and fought for in the 1970s," said Paloma Perez Galdos, a 58-year-old bank worker. "It's time that we have a justice system for everyone, not just for the rich." "Social inclusion" under the Kirchners has involved providing billions of dollars in cash welfare payments families with children and people working in the informal economy. □

FAA: Close call between airliner, military chopper

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)—There was a close call between a military helicopter and a regional airliner attempting to land at Reagan National Airport near Washington last week, federal officials said Sunday.

At their closest point, the two aircraft were flying at the same altitude and were only 950 feet (290 meters) apart laterally, said Eric Weiss, a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board, which is investigating the incident. Republic Airlines flight 3281 had descended to 400 feet (120 meters) as it approached the airport when the helicopter, which had been flying lower and ahead of the plane, briefly rose to 400 feet (120 meters) as well, the Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement.

That set off an alarm aboard the airliner warning of a potential impending collision, Weiss said. The airline pilot aborted the landing, circled around and landed safely. The incident occurred at 4:05 p.m. EDT on Friday, Weiss said.

NTSB identified the airliner as an Embraer 175, a twin-engine jet that generally seats about 80 people. The flight originated in Columbus, Ohio, and was destined for Huntsville, Alabama, with a stopover in Washington, Weiss said.

Weiss identified the helicopter as a Bell UH-1 based at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland using the call sign Mussel 9. The UH-1, also known as a Huey, has a single engine with a two-bladed main rotor and tail rotor.

The Air Force's 11th wing, based at Andrews, includes a UH-1 helicopter squadron. Andrews is the military's security base for the Washington area.

The FAA initially identified the helicopter as a UH-60, better known as a Black Hawk, but later confirmed it was actually a UH-1 □

Obama consoles town flattened by tornado

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A president who is often locked in a struggle with Republicans over their disdain for expansive federal agencies, Obama has repeatedly found himself pledging the full power of the government to confront natural disasters. On Tuesday, the president will return to the New Jersey coast to witness the rebuilding after Hurricane Sandy. In Oklahoma, Obama took a brief walk through the remains of what once was a thriving suburb south of Oklahoma City. Planted in several piles of debris were

American flags, flapping in the stiff winds of the warm spring day.

But the piles also contained reminders of the lives torn apart by winds that topped 200 miles per hour as the twister cut a 20-mile path of destruction through town. There were 2012 yearbooks from the Plaza Towers school and one workbook titled "Jamal's Surprise." There were several waterlogged encyclopedias and a pink baby doll stroller. In another pile was a purple plastic toy camcorder and a pink child's parka. Every few feet, crumpled cars blocked the way and twist-

ed metal littered yards that once had lawns. The only trees remaining had no bark and no leaves.

Secret Service agents stood in pairs on the roofs of military vehicles. Only the hum of a portable generator and the rush of a stiff wind could be heard.

As he has in other places - Joplin, the Jersey Shore, West Texas, Colorado Springs, Tuscaloosa and the Gulf Coast - Obama was the consoler-in-chief, with the television cameras rolling. He promised Moore residents that his administration would stay with them - as it has, he said, in

all of the other communities - as Oklahomans rebuilt.

"When I say that we've got your back, we keep our word," Obama said outside the school.

The president's visit symbolizes the money and resources of the federal government. □

More than 450 federal employees remain in Oklahoma almost a week after the tornado ripped through Moore. Officials said about 4,200 people had registered for a total of \$3.4 million in immediate and direct aid made available by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Rebuilding will probably cost billions, with a portion coming from the federal government.

For Obama, natural disasters like the one in Moore provide a tangible example of his political philosophy - how a robust investment in government can provide returns for its citizens. The grim aftermath of each crisis can test the Republicans' opposition to such policies.

Fallin has repeatedly said that the federal government is bloated and inefficient and needs to be reduced in size and ambition. In her State of the State address in 2012, Fallin disparaged the federal government, making no exception for agencies like FEMA. □



President Barack Obama greets first responders at a fire station in Moore, Okla., on Sunday, May 26, 2013. Obama visited tornado-devastated Moore, Oklahoma, consoling people staggered by the loss of life and property and promising that the government will be behind them "every step of the way."

(AP Photo/Bryan Terry)

US teen accused of planning to bomb school

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP)

— A U.S. teenager who intended to blow up his school will be charged with attempted aggravated murder after six bombs were found in his bedroom, a prosecutor said late Saturday.

Grant Acord, 17, planned to attack his school in Oregon in a plot "forged and inspired" by a 1999 mass shooting at a high school in Columbine, Colorado, said Benton County District Attorney John Haroldson.

Acord will be charged as an adult and also faces six counts of manufacturing

and possessing a destructive device after investigators found the six bombs in a secret compartment in his bedroom, Haroldson said. Acord was taken to a juvenile jail Thursday night after police received a tip that the youth was making a bomb to blow up West Albany High School.

Haroldson said Acord had written plans, a checklist and a specific timeline for the attack. The bombs investigators found included pipe bombs, Molotov cocktails, a Drano bomb and a napalm bomb, he said.

Police found no bombs during a search of the high

school.

Haroldson declined to provide the specific date Acord allegedly planned to attack the school, but said it would be included in court paperwork to be filed after the weekend.

Haroldson said he's not aware that the youth had any major problems, such as a suspension, at school.

"In any case that you have a young person that in essence plans to take a video game approach to killing people at school, you have to take a close look at the mental health issues," he said. "And the process will certainly provide for that

once he's represented by counsel."

Phone listings did not appear to be available for either of the boy's parents to reach them for comment Saturday.

The district attorney said it did not appear the teenager was targeting a specific person or group of people. He said Acord will likely be arraigned Tuesday.

"I can't say enough about how lucky we are that there was an intervention," the district attorney said. "When I look at the evidence in the case, I shudder to think of what could have happened here." □



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Giffords urges graduates at Bard to 'be courageous'

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ANNANDALE-ON-HUDSON,

N.Y. - Speaking uncertainly but smiling broadly, Gabrielle Giffords, the former Arizona congresswoman who became a public face of the gun control movement after she was shot in 2011, delivered a kind of blessing in her commencement address to Bard College graduates here Saturday afternoon, urging them to "be bold, be courageous, be your best."

Giffords spoke for no more than two minutes at the commencement ceremony, where she also received an honorary degree, but she earned several standing ovations.

She did not address her gun control advocacy, which encountered a setback last month when the Sen-

ate blocked background check legislation. Instead, she left it to her husband, the astronaut Mark E. Kelly, to describe their joint efforts to curb gun violence and the shooting in which six people were killed and 13 others were wounded, including Giffords, by a gunman in Tucson.

Kelly, who has emerged as an ardent spokesman for his wife, told the audience of Giffords' continuing recovery from a head wound, which left her struggling to perform basic tasks, including speaking. He said the gun control issue had moved her to re-enter public life despite her physical limitations.

He added that he and his wife were longtime gun owners with a "strong tradition of guns" in their past and present lives, and that



Gabrielle Giffords, the former Arizona congresswoman who became a public face of the gun control movement after she was shot in 2011, with her husband, Mark Kelly, during a commencement ceremony at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y., May 25, 2013.

(Susan Stava/The New York Times)

they hoped to represent the majority of Americans who "believe in sensible solutions, like background checks, that will keep us safer but don't infringe on anybody's right, like yours, to own a gun if you want

to."

Kelly criticized the National Rifle Association for obstructing gun control legislation, saying, "They've forgotten what they used to stand for, which is gun safety and a proud tradi-

tion of hunting, and now they mostly stand for the gun manufacturers."

Giffords then walked unsteadily to the lectern, supported by her husband, to deliver her few labored lines. "Graduates, your future shines bright," she said. "Find your purpose and go for it." She continued: "The nation's counting on you to create, to innovate" - she paused, and seemed to stumble - "to create, to lead, to innovate."

When she paused and when she finished, she waved and waved again, as if to convey with her hands all she could not say. Kelly and Giffords are connected to Bard through Pia Carusone, an alumna who was Giffords' chief of staff. It was Carusone who called Kelly in 2011 to tell him of the shooting. □

Senator: Fire commanders allowing military sex assault

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — From Congress to the White House, pressure is mounting to hold military commanders accountable for the rising number of sexual assaults in the armed services.

The extent of the assaults came to light when the

Pentagon released a report earlier this month estimating that as many as 26,000 military members may have been sexually assaulted last year and that thousands of victims are unwilling to come forward despite new oversight and assistance programs. That figure is an increase over the 19,000

estimated assaults in 2011. Several recent arrests have added to the military's embarrassment. A soldier at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point was charged with secretly photographing women, including in a bathroom. The Air Force officer who led the service's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response unit

was arrested on charges of groping a woman. And the manager of the Army's sexual assault response program at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, was relieved of his post after his arrest in a domestic dispute with his ex-wife.

"This needs to end," Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, a member of the Armed Services Committee, said Sunday. "When a victim comes forward, they should have an advocate to walk them through the military justice system, and commanders who allow this to continue to allow this to flourish quite frankly should be fired."

Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin said the military's future includes both men and women in leadership, and cultural changes are needed "when it comes to the command structure" to make sexual assault and harassment "unacceptable, intolerable; and those who engage in it should pay a price."

Retired Marine Gen. John

Allen, who retired in February after 19 months commanding allied forces in Afghanistan in order to attend to his wife's health issues, encouraged commanders to address the issue and tell subordinates exactly what was expected.

"Commanders can't be ambiguous about this. We can't not talk about that," Allen said Sunday. "Commanders (have) got to stand in front of their units and tell the people what they expect. Because silence isn't good enough. This is an opportunity to lead, and we should be seizing it."

The comments from Durbin, Graham and Allen capped a week of attempts to address the Pentagon's findings. President Barack Obama and Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel raised the issue separately in graduation speeches at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. □

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Schumer:

Group of senators to look at media leaks



Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., talks during a television news interview on Capitol Hill in Washington. Schumer is proposing legislation that would set additional rules for how leaks about government secrets are investigated. He said Sunday, May 26, 2013, on CBS' "Face the Nation" that when the government is going to ask a news organization to divulge information it first must go to a judge.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Chuck Schumer said Sunday a group of eight senators will look at setting rules on how leaks about government secrets are investigated.

"We'll be announcing that we have four Democrats and four Republicans ... another Gang of Eight," Schumer said Sunday on CBS' "Face The Nation."

Schumer said in mid-May that he and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., will reintroduce the so-called media shield bill pursued unsuccessfully four years ago.

The New York Democrat said Sunday that before the government asks a news organization to divulge sources it first must go to a judge. He says that judge would "impose a balancing test" to determine which is more important, the government's desire to find the information or the robust freedom of the press.

Back in 2009, after the House passed a media shield bill, the action shifted to the Senate, leading to a compromise bill that would protect reporters' sources, but grant the government authority to override that in certain national security cases. The measure was never voted on by the full Senate.

In recent weeks, the ad-

ministration has acknowledged secretly seizing portions of two months of phone records from The Associated Press. The AP received no advance warning. The seizure was part of an investigation into who leaked information to AP reporters for a May 7, 2012, story that disclosed details of a foiled plot in Yemen to bomb a U.S.-bound airliner, around the anniversary of the May 2, 2011, killing of Osama bin Laden.

The government also read the emails of Fox News reporter James Rosen in a separate investigation about the publication of government secrets. Rosen's emails were seized, with a judge's approval, as part of the prosecution of Stephen Kim, a State Department adviser who is accused of leaking secret information about North Korea.

Under intense pressure this week, President Barack Obama said the Justice Department would review the policy under which it obtains journalists' records in investigating leaks of government secrets.

The president said the government has to strike the right balance between security and an open society. He said Holder will meet with representatives of media organizations and report back to him by July 12. On the question of phone

records, the Justice Department is guided by policy that first was written 40 years ago after the excesses of the Watergate era. Investigators are not supposed to consider a subpoena for journalists' phone records unless "all reasonable attempts" have been made to get the same information from other sources, the rules say.

News organizations are supposed to get advance warning so that they can fight the subpoena in court, unless the notification could compromise an investigation.

The new proposal wouldn't provide blanket protection for a journalist from

having to reveal whom he or she spoke to confidentially. But the government would have to convince a federal judge that the confidential source had compromised national security in speaking to the journalist.

The measure Schumer is proposing says that in civil and criminal cases, "a judge would have to conduct a balancing test that would weigh the public interest in the free flow of information against the needs of law enforcement," said Schumer spokesman Brian Fallon. He said that in national security cases, more deference is paid to the needs of law enforcement. □

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GOP slams Obama's war approach

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans keep slamming President Barack Obama's push to move the government away from a war footing and refine and recalibrate its counterterrorism strategy. Republican lawmakers like Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina say Obama is projecting weakness at a time when the United States needs to show resolve against terror networks like al-Qaida.

fulfilled — promise to close the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where many terrorism suspects are being held without formal charges. Obama is trying to recast the image of terrorists from enemy warriors to cowardly thugs and move the United States away a state of perpetual war. But Graham said Obama is displaying a "lack of resolve" despite a slew of concerns in the Middle East, including civil war and chemical weapons in Syria and

And we have still tremendous threats out there, that are building, not declining, building, and to not recognize that, I think, is dangerous in the long run and dangerous for the world." Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Senate Democrat, defended the president, reprising Obama's theme that maintaining a wartime posture runs the risk of compromising U.S. principles. "If we're constantly thinking of this as a war, we stand a chance



Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., speaks to reporters on Capitol Hill following President Barack Obama's speech on Afghanistan, terrorism, and the Guantanamo Bay prison, in Washington.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

Graham said Sunday that "at a time when we need resolve the most, we're sounding retreat."

Obama gave a major speech Thursday in which he said al-Qaida is "on the path to defeat" and signaled that he's reluctant to commit troops overseas to conflicts like Syria or other countries struggling with instability in the uncertain aftermath of the Arab Spring. He's also modifying policies on the use of unmanned drone aircraft to try to limit civilian casualties and is redoubling his long-standing — but so far un-

threats to Israel from Syria's unrest and Iran's nuclear program.

"We show this lack of resolve, talking about the war being over," Graham said. "What do you think the Iranians are thinking? At the end of the day, this is the most tone-deaf president I ever could imagine." "I see a big difference between the president saying the war's at an end and whether or not you've won the war," said Republican Sen. Tom Coburn of Oklahoma. "We can claim that it's at an end, but this war's going to continue.

of doing things that compromise our freedoms," Durbin said. Obama ally Sen. Charles Schumer, a New York Democrat, said that "having transparency, having rules and engaging other activities other than military to help curb the war on terror — diplomacy, economic sanctions and things like that — is going to be useful as well. So I think the president did a very, very smart pivot, realizing we're not going to let up on terrorists, but at the same time we're going to meet the changes in the world." □

In prior immigration overhaul, legalized farmworkers did well

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Associated Press

MADERA, California (AP) — After Paulino Mejia crossed the border illegally into the U.S. in 1980, he picked grapes, peaches and other crops in California's agricultural heartland, lived in crowded rental housing, hid from immigration agents and sent paychecks to family members in his native Mexico. His life, however, changed in 1986, when Congress agreed to allow immigrants who were in the country illegally to get legal status — with a special provision that focused on farmworkers.

Mejia then stopped living in fear. He left agriculture to join a construction company that hired only legal workers, sent his two daughters to college and bought a house in Madera, near Fresno, instead of wiring money to Mexico. "Immigration reform changed my life. It gave my family freedom," Mejia said. "It allowed us to reach the American dream."

With Congress considering a new immigration proposal that includes a speedier process to legal status for farmworkers in the U.S. illegally, experts say the best indicator of how such an overhaul would play out is to look at the fate of the generation of farmworkers legalized over two decades ago.

In Central California, the nation's agricultural powerhouse and a region with one of the highest poverty levels, the 1986 law had a profound impact on people like Mejia.

Today, experts say, at least two thirds of the nation's farmworkers are in the country illegally and those legalized thanks to the

1986 changes make up just 12 to 15 percent of the agricultural workforce.

Experts say newly legalized farmworkers sought non-seasonal, year-round employment with a steady income and benefits such as health insurance or vacations, which are rare in agriculture.

"There's no question that once farmworkers get a green card, many will apply for other jobs and leave agriculture," said Tom Nassif, president of Western Growers, an industry group that represents California and Arizona growers. "We support the pathway to citizenship at our own peril, knowing we will lose the people who are most skilled and most productive employees within a short time."

A green card is issued to immigrants who obtain permanent resident status, a step toward eventual citizenship.

And once legalized, some farmworkers will choose to stay in the fields — as was the case with Julia Cervantes, Mejia's wife, who still occasionally picks grapes and other crops. "I like fresh air. I sincerely like working in the fields," she said.

For Mejia, it came down to wages: He and his wife could not make ends meet with what farmers paid in the fields. "Our family started growing, and we didn't have enough to survive," Mejia said.

Legalization allowed Mejia to get a job erecting the metal frames of big box stores. His brother became a roofer. Other friends became plumbers and electricians, or field supervisors. "The work is easier and the money is better," Mejia said of his new profession. □

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US highway buckles after rail cars hit overpass



Emergency personnel respond to the scene where of a train derailment near Rockview, Mo. Saturday, May 25, 2013. The National Transportation Safety Board has launched an investigation into the cause of a cargo train collision that partially collapsed a highway overpass in southeast Missouri, injuring seven people.

(AP Photo/Fred Lynch)

CHAFFEE, Missouri (AP) — Cleanup of the collapsed southeast Missouri highway overpass continued Sunday, more than 24 hours after a cargo train crash led to a chain reaction. The crash, which happened about 2:30 a.m. Saturday near Chaffee, led to the derailment of about two dozen rail cars that smashed into the bridge's support pillars. Seven people in two cars on the highway overpass in Scott County were injured, none seriously, when two 40-foot (12-meter) sections of the overpass crumpled. All seven had been released from an area hospital Saturday.

"The damage is very extensive," Mark Shelton, engineer for the Missouri Department of Transportation's southeast region, said Sunday. "We're going to end up removing the entire bridge and completely replacing it." Shelton said the overpass replacement is estimated to cost about \$3 million, and the bridge is expected to reopen in early September. The overpass, which was built about 15 years ago, is used by about 400 to 500 cars a day, mostly between Chaffee, Scott City and Cape Girardeau. The National Transportation

Safety Board said the bridge was given a "good" rating after its last inspection in February.

The railroads would likely be paying for the replacement, but the investigation into the cause of the accident was still in its early stages, Shelton said. "We'll have to go through the investigation and all that stuff and figure out liability. But our bridge was just standing there. ... So certainly we'll be looking to the railroad for recovery," he said. The collapse occurred after a Union Pacific train hit the side of a Burlington Northern Santa Fe train at a rail intersection. Shelton said crews were at the scene Sunday cleaning up debris and removing sections of the bridge. The derailed rail cars were

loaded primarily with scrap metal, automobiles and auto parts. The NTSB has begun an investigation into the cause of the collision. NTSB board member Robert Sumwalt said Saturday that the full investigation could take a year. The accident came more than a week after a commuter train derailment in Connecticut that injured 70 people and disrupted service for days. That accident involved a railroad corridor used by tens of thousands of commuters north of New York City. In Washington state this past week, a bridge over the Skagit River collapsed when a truck driver's load bumped against the steel framework. □



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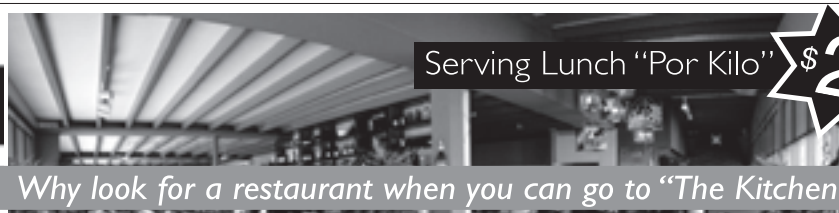


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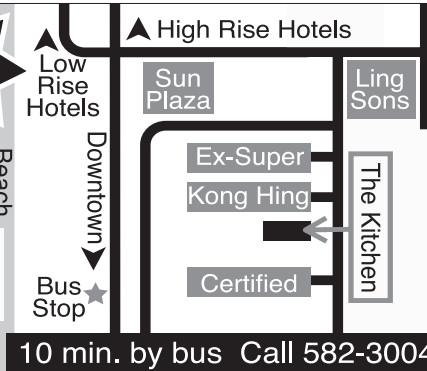


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Israel's president calls for return to peace talks

DALE GAVLAK
Associated Press

SOUTHERN SHUNEH, Jordan (AP) — Israel's president on Sunday urged Israeli and Palestinian leaders to overcome differences and resume peace negotiations, saying the sides could not afford "to lose this opportunity."

President Shimon Peres issued his call ahead of a gathering of Mideast leaders on the sidelines of a conference hosted by the Geneva-based World Economic Forum on the shores of the Dead Sea in Jordan. Sunday's conference included a rare face-to-face meeting between Israeli and Palestinian leaders, with the participation of U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, who has devoted much of the past two months to restarting long-stalled peace talks.

"We shouldn't lose the opportunity because it will be replaced by a great disappointment," Peres told reporters in Jordan. "For my

experience, I believe it's possible to overcome it. It doesn't require too much time."

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas agreed.

"Enough is enough. A lot of our young people have started to lose confidence in the two-state solution," he said to a loud applause from an audience of more than 1,000 business and government leaders from 23 countries worldwide.

He blamed the growing mistrust on Israeli moves, essentially construction in West Bank settlements and detention of hundreds of Palestinians.

Abbas reiterated his rejection of partial solutions. "We will neither accept interim solutions, nor a state with temporary borders or a peace based on economic perks without progress on the political track," he said.

At one point in the closing session, Kerry joked with Abbas and Peres — who exchanged hugs, kisses,

handshakes and emotional speeches — telling both from the podium that he had an "agreement you can come up and sign." Abbas peeked at Peres, pointing to the podium. Then both laughed.

Palestinian-Israeli peace talks broke down nearly five years ago, in large part due to disagreements over Israeli settlement construction on occupied territories claimed by the Palestinians. The Palestinians say

there is no point in negotiating while Israel continues to build Jewish settlements in the West Bank and east Jerusalem, which they say undermines their quest to set up an independent state. □



Israeli President Shimon Peres, speaks during the World Economic Forum, in Southern Shuneh, 34 miles (55 kilometers) southeast of Amman, Jordan.

(AP Photo/Mohammad Hannon)

Kerry: \$4B Palestinian economic plan could work

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Associated Press

SOUTHERN SHUNEH, Jordan (AP) — Secretary of State John Kerry declared Sunday he believes a potential \$4 billion plan is emerging that could expand the Palestinian economy by up to 50 percent in the next three years.

It could also cut unemployment by almost two-thirds, and average wages could jump 40 percent, he said. But Kerry said it all depends on parallel progress on peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

Kerry has been working with former British Prime Minister Tony Blair and

global business leaders to devise economic plans to revitalize the Palestinian economy. He offered few specific details and acknowledged that his vision might easily be taken as fantasy in a part of the world that has suffered through decades of conflict, and where peace prospects remain dim.

"We know it can be done," he insisted. "This is a plan for the Palestinian economy that is bigger, bolder and more ambitious than anything proposed" in the last two decades.

Kerry, outlining his hopes at a business conference on the Dead Sea in Jordan,

was unsparing in his bold economic predictions:

—Palestinian agriculture production could double or triple.

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The former Massachusetts senator, who has been trying as well to restart direct Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations, was to meet later Sunday in Amman with Blair, American hedge fund investor Tim Collins and the foreign ministers of Jordan and the United Arab Emirates.

He said he has been coor-

dinating with leading business experts around the world and that the plan would explore new opportunities in tourism, construction, light manufacturing, agriculture, energy and communications.

"Is this a fantasy?" Kerry asked the crowd. "I don't think so, because there are already great examples of investment and entrepreneurship that are working in the West Bank. We know it can be done, but we've never experienced the kind of concentrated effort that this group is talking about bringing to the table."

He said Israeli Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas support the plan, but he added that it won't truly take hold unless both sides make headway on restarting peace talks. Abbas also attended the conference in Jordan, as did Israeli President Shimon Peres, though they offered two starkly different messages on the peace impasse. The Palestinian leader spent much of the time criticizing Israeli intransigence, while the Israeli Nobel Peace Prize laureate pressed his government's view that negotiations should begin immediately without preconditions. □



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Kenya:

UK soldier killing suspect Adebolajo arrested in 2010

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Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — A suspect in last week's savage killing of a British soldier on a London street was arrested in Kenya in 2010 while apparently preparing to train and fight with al-Qaida-linked Somali militants, an anti-terrorism police official said Sunday.

Michael Adebolajo, who was carrying a British passport, was then handed over to British authorities in the East African country, another Kenyan official said.

The information surfaced as London's Metropolitan Police said specialist firearms officers arrested a man Sunday suspected of conspiring to murder 25-year-old British soldier Lee Rigby. Police gave few details about the suspect, only saying he is 22 years old.

The arrest brought to nine the number of suspects who have been taken into custody regarding Rigby's horrific killing in London. Two have been released without charge, and one was released on bail pending further questioning. No one has been charged in the case.

The British soldier, who had served in Afghanistan, was run over, then stabbed with knives in the Woolwich area in southeast London on Wednesday afternoon as he was walking

near his barracks.

Adebolajo, 28, and Michael Adebowale, 22, are the main suspects in the killing and remained under armed guard in separate London hospitals after po-

lice shot them at the scene. In 2010, Adebolajo was arrested with five others near Kenya's border with Somalia, Kenya's anti-terrorism police unit chief Boniface Mwaniki told The Associated Press. Police believed Adebolajo was going to work with Somali militant group al-Shabab.

A video clip from a local TV station appears to show Adebolajo speaking during a court hearing in the Kenyan city of Mombasa on Nov. 23, 2010. He says, "These people are mistreating us. We are innocent. Believe me," shortly before leaving the court with five other suspects.

Mwaniki said that Adebolajo was deported from Kenya after his arrest in 2010. Kenya's government spokesman said he was arrested under a different

name, and taken to court before being handed to British authorities.

"Kenya's government arrested Michael Olemindis Ndemolajo. We handed him to British security agents in Kenya, and he seems to have found his way to London and mutated to Michael Adebolajo," spokesman Muthui Kariuki said. "The Kenyan government cannot be held responsible for what happened to him after we handed him to British authorities."

Kariuki said Adebolajo was traveling on a British passport, but he could not confirm if it was authentic.

When asked whether British security agents and embassy officials had handled Adebolajo in Kenya, a British Foreign Office spokeswoman said in a brief statement: □



The mother of killed Drummer Lee Rigby, Lyn Rigby, centre, holds onto a teddy bear as she joins his stepfather Ian, and other family members looking at floral tributes outside Woolwich Barracks as they visited the scene of his murder in Woolwich, south-east London, Sunday May 26, 2013.

(AP Photo / John Stillwell, PA)

2 charged after Pakistan plane diverted

LONDON (AP) — British authorities have charged two men with endangering an aircraft after a plane carrying more than 300 people from Pakistan to Britain was diverted mid-flight.

Essex Police said Sunday that 30-year-old taxi driver Tayyab Subhani and 41-year-old restaurant

worker Mohammed Safdar will appear in court on Monday.

Both men, from Lancashire in northwestern England, remain in custody.

A Typhoon fighter jet was scrambled on Friday to divert the Pakistan International Airlines plane traveling from Lahore, Pakistan,

to Manchester, and forced it to land at London's Stansted Airport. The Boeing 777 plane landed safely.

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Pope urges Mafiosi to stop exploitation of others

FRANCES D'EMILIO

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis paid tribute to a courageous priest murdered by the Sicilian Mafia as a martyr and urged mobsters on Sunday to abandon their evil ways, particularly the exploitation of people in trafficking rackets such as prostitution. Francis issued his call to organized crime members to convert their hearts, a day after the beatification of the Rev. Giuseppe "Pino" Puglisi in Palermo. The Vatican honored Puglisi as a martyr in the ceremony, 20 years after he was slain in the city by mobsters for defiantly preaching against the Mafia in a neighborhood where Cosa Nostra held sway. Francis told a crowd in St. Peter's Square that the Mafia killed the Rev. Giuseppe Puglisi because he tried to keep youths from being recruited by mobsters. Beatification is the last formal step before possible sainthood. As part of the process leading to be-

atification, church officials considered statements that convicted Mafiosi had given to investigators. The mobsters told authorities that Cosa Nostra bosses had ordered Puglisi's murder because he had dared defy the Mafia by his preaching and work with young people. Mafia bosses convicted of ordering the slaying and are serving life sentences in prison. The pope didn't attend the beatification ceremony, which drew tens of thousands of people to an esplanade near Palermo's seaside. Instead, he used the traditional Sunday papal appearance to pilgrims, tourists and Romans in St. Peter's Square to hail Puglisi as a martyr and "an exemplary priest, especially dedicated" to serving young people. "Educating young people according to the Gospel, he took them away from organized crime, and thus it (the Mafia) tried to defeat him by killing him," Francis said. Puglisi was gunned down a

few months after Pope John Paul II made a pilgrimage to Sicily and angrily called on mobsters to "convert" their hearts. At the time the island was still shocked by the 1992 bomb blast assassinations by Cosa Nostra, two months apart, of Italy's top anti-Mafia magistrates. "I think of the great pain suf-

fered by men, women and even children, exploited by so many mafias," Francis said. He decried the crime syndicates for "making them do work that makes them slaves, prostitution." "Behind this exploitation and slavery are the mafias," the pope said. Francis, two months into his papacy,

has branded human trafficking as one of the most terrible evils plaguing the world. "They cannot make our brothers slaves," Francis said. "Let us pray that these Mafiosi and Mafiose convert to God," the pope said, using the Italian words to indicate both male and female mobsters. □



Pope Francis leaves after mass in the St. Elizabeth and Zacharia parish church, in Rome, Sunday, May 26, 2013.

(AP Photo/Andrew Medichini)

Paris:

Protests reignite over gay marriage law



Riot police officers (foreground) face anti-gay marriage demonstrators during clashes in Paris, France, Sunday May 26, 2013.

(AP Photo/Laurent Cipriani)

PARIS (AP) — Tens of thousands of people protested against France's new gay marriage law in central Paris on Sunday. The law came into force over a week ago, but organizers decided to go ahead with the long-planned demonstration to show their continued opposition as well as their frustration with President Fran-

cois Hollande, who had made legalizing gay marriage one of his keynote campaign pledges in last year's election. Marchers set off from three separate points across Paris, and by early evening they filled the Invalides esplanade just across the Seine River from the Champs Elysees. Police estimated around 150,000 people took part

in the demonstration, but march organizers claimed on their Twitter account that more than a million people did. A similar protest in March drew about 300,000. Around 5,000 police were on duty Sunday because previous anti-gay marriage protests have seen clashes between far-right protesters and the police. □



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Germany:

Merkel vows to avoid trade war with China

BERLIN (AP) — German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Sunday she would use her country's economic clout to prevent the European Union from imposing punitive tariffs on some Chinese products to avoid a trade war.

Germany will push for "very intense talks" between the EU and China to seek a negotiated solution as swiftly as possible, the leader of Europe's biggest economy told visiting Chinese Premier Li Keqiang.

The EU Commission, the 27-nation bloc's executive arm, accuses China of pricing its solar panels and some mobile telecom devices too cheaply, thereby flooding the European market, distorting competition and hurting European manufacturers. Brussels has therefore proposed imposing an average 47 percent special duty on Chinese solar panels, and it is continuing to look into the telecommunication sector.

Li sharply criticized the EU's approach, saying through a translator that "it sends a wrong signal because we want to fight protectionism together."

"We strongly oppose this decision," he insisted, referring to the proposed solar panel tariffs. "We hope that the EU won't use protectionist trade measures for such small a cause," he said.

The EU, the world's largest

economy, is China's second-biggest business partner after the U.S., with a trade volume of about 430 billion euros in 2012. The solar panel exports stand for about 7 percent of China's total exports to the EU.

The EU Commission is expected to make a decision on the anti-dumping investigation after consulting all interested parties by the end of the year.

"Germany will work for this to be resolved as quickly as possible because we don't believe (tariffs) would help us very much," said Merkel. "And that's why we should very intensely use the next six months, and Germany will do everything to ensure that the talks will really advance," she added.

Li thanked Merkel, adding that China also hopes that talks between Beijing and Brussels will be able to avoid a trade standoff and yield "an amicable solution."

Germany was the only stop in an EU member nation on Li's inaugural trip abroad, in a sign that China seeks Berlin's clout to influence the EU's at times cumbersome decision making progress. Li, who took office in March, at one point even said during the news conference with Merkel that he was aware that German cannot replace the EU Commission.

China is the world's largest producer of solar panels,



German Chancellor Angela Merkel, right, and China's Prime Minister Li Keqiang arrive for a dinner at the German government's Meseberg Palace in Meseberg some 60 km north of Berlin on Sunday, May 26, 2013.

(AP Photo/Odd Andersen, Pool)

exporting more than half of its output to Europe, totaling 21 billion euros in 2011. The global solar panel market is suffering from overcapacity, which has led to stiff competition that has forced several European manufacturers out of business. Still, Germany's powerful industrial lobby groups oppose the discussed EU anti-dumping measures against China because they fear an escalating trade war that would dent the countries' buoying business ties. Li said the EU's decision wouldn't serve its interests and would harm China and others. □

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Trinidad prepares for arrival of VP Biden

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad (AP) — U.S. Vice President Joe Biden is expected to talk about trade, drug trafficking and security issues as he travels to the island of Trinidad this week to meet with Caribbean leaders. U.S. Embassy Charge d'Affaires Thomas Smitham says Biden is also likely to discuss leaders' concerns about U.S. deportations of Caribbean migrants with criminal histories. Biden is to arrive in Trinidad on Monday and meet with members of the Caribbean trade bloc Caricom. Smitham said last week that it's the first time that Biden has visited Trinidad. The vice president also plans to travel to Brazil and Colombia.

McLaughlin selected as Cayman premier

GEORGE TOWN, Cayman Islands (AP) — Former opposition leader Alden McLaughlin has been chosen as the new premier of the Cayman Islands after several days of negotiations by lawmakers. McLaughlin's People's Progressive Movement won 9 of 18 legislative seats in elections, one short of a majority. But on Saturday, his party clinched the majority when ex-Premier Juliana O'Connor-Connolly accepted a post as House speaker for McLaughlin's faction. At a news conference, McLaughlin announced he would serve as premier and home affairs minister. He says he is "delighted" to lead the British territory and his administration will "work as hard as we can." □

River boat capsizes in Guyana; 4 missing

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — Soliders and police are scouring a swollen river in Guyana's remote western jungle for four miners whose boat capsized in rapids during heavy rainfall. Police Spokesman Ivelaw Whittaker says the four missing men were part of a group of seven miners heading into the resource-rich Cuyuni region bordering Venezuela when their boat overturned. A passing vessel managed to rescue three of the men. Whittaker says the boat capsized Saturday and by Sunday rescuers have found no sign of the four missing miners, who were not wearing life jackets. Authorities say boat crews and passengers need to wear life jackets. □

Grenada set for program to save energy

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada (AP) — A small, rural community on the island of Grenada is being targeted in an international pilot program to help reduce power bills and save energy. The roughly 400 residents of the impoverished village of Telescope will receive energy-saving light bulbs in exchange for the bulbs they are currently using. Grenada Senior Energy Officer John Ogiste said Saturday that officials will measure the amount of power used once the program is implemented later this year. Two other small hotels in the eastern Caribbean island also are participating in the program, which is being funded by the Latin America and Caribbean Energy Efficiency Program. □

Guyana anti-money laundering bill fails

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — Guyana is rushing a high-level delegation to an upcoming international summit in Nicaragua to ask for more time to tighten financial regulations in the South American country. Saturday's announcement comes after opposition leaders in Guyana said they would not vote for a crucial anti-money laundering bill until more safeguards against corruption are added. The Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development has threatened to blacklist Guyana if the bill is not approved. □

Colombia, rebels reach land reform deal

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PAUL HAVEN

Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Colombia

and that country's largest rebel group announced an agreement Sunday on one of their main bones of contention — land reform — the fruit of more than half a year of slow-moving peace negotiations in the Cuban capital. Both said the agreement constituted a major breakthrough, although several key details are still to be worked out in the coming weeks

"Today we have a real opportunity to attain peace through dialogue," said the government's chief negotiator, Humberto de la Calle. "To support this process is to believe in Colombia."

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos added in a tweet sent from Bogota: "We celebrate, truly, this fundamental step taken in Havana toward a full agreement to put an end to half a century of conflict."

Both sides say land rights lie at the heart of Colom-

of territory that will be involved, though both sides say it will impact millions of acres (hectares). Another dispute centers on a rebel demand to limit the size of foreign holdings.

Those questions and several others will be reexamined as both sides take up other issues, none expected to be as vexing. The agreement on land reform stretched to some 20 pages long, longer than the anticipated text of the rest of the peace document combined. The official



Humberto de la Calle, right, head of Colombia's government peace negotiation team, speaks to reporters during the peace talks with members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, in Havana, Cuba, Sunday, May 26, 2013.

(AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

and months. They did not release the text of the accord, but said it dealt with issues like property rights, access to land and rural infrastructure development.

"This agreement will be the start of a radical transformation of the countryside," read Sunday's joint communique.

The parties must now hammer out understandings in five other areas, starting with the political reintegration of Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia fighters, another highly sensitive issue.

The two sides have stressed that no concessions are final until a complete peace accord is reached. But for one day, at least, the long-time enemies seemed optimistic an important step had been taken toward ending the half-century long conflict.

bia's armed conflict. About 2 million hectares (5 million acres) of land has been stolen from rural farmers by armed groups during the conflict, with twice that amount abandoned by those fleeing the violence. The rebels say some land has also been expropriated by the government fraudulent and corrupt processes, while the government says the FARC has also illegally forced people off land. Much of the land wound up in the hands of wealthy ranchers and drug traffickers, or was laundered and sold on to agribusinesses. Despite Sunday's deal, rebel chief negotiator Ivan Marquez said several issues surrounding land reform still need to be worked out.

A senior official involved in the talks said the final points of disagreement revolve around the exact amount

spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the sensitive talks publicly.

Other major issues yet to be resolved when the two sides return to the bargaining table next month include drug trafficking and victim compensation, with the government continuing to insist that senior rebels accept jail terms as part of the peace deal.

Analysts applauded the announcement, saying it showed that this peace process is further along and fundamentally different from the failed efforts of preceding decades.

"It is the first agreement reached in 40 years of conflict on the crucial issue of land," said Camilo Gonzalez, president of Colombia's independent Institute of Peace and Development Studies. □



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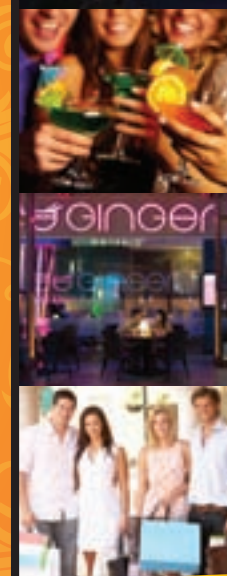


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Boo Weekley kisses the champion trophy after winning the Colonial golf tournament Sunday, May 25, 2013, in Fort Worth, Texas.
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Weekley wins Colonial, 1st PGA Tour win in 5 years

STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer
FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Boo Weekley was at the 13th hole during the final round of the Colonial before he finally glanced at a leaderboard to see his name on the top. It was at that par 3 surrounded by an often rowdy crowd that he also heard the loudest "Boo!" in quite some time. Weekley hit his birdie putt from about 22 feet, then swiped his putter in the air as if guiding the ball into the cup. He thrust the club above his head when the ball dropped to get him to 14 under, where he finished Sunday for his first PGA Tour victory in five years. "That's when I realized, 'Wow, here I go.' I need to do something, either hold on to it or try to make a couple of more birdies," Weekley said. "I knew I was hitting the ball too well just to hold on."

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Charmed Kanaan wins Indy 500 in 12th try

Tony Kanaan, of Brazil, celebrates with winners milk after winning the Indianapolis 500 auto race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Sunday, May 26, 2013.
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Venus Williams loses to Radwanska sister at French

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — Grimacing after some poor shots, leaning forward with hands on knees while catching her breath after others, Venus Williams left the French Open after the first round for the first time since 2001. Williams, a seven-time Grand Slam champion and former No. 1-ranked player seeded 30th at Roland Garros, felt hampered by a bad back, had problems with her serve — all sorts of strokes, actually — and lost 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), 6-4 Sunday to 40th-ranked Urszula Radwanska of Poland, who never has been past the second round of a major tournament.

Inflammation in her lower back limited Williams to two matches over the previous 1½ months, preparation she called, with a chuckle, “extremely unideal.”

“I can’t really serve very hard. It’s painful when I do that. But I’m getting better. I just, you know, ran out of time to get better for this tournament,” said Williams, broken 11 of the 17 times she served Sunday. “My strategy was more or less to put the ball in, and that’s very difficult for me, too,



Venus Williams of the U.S. misses a return against Poland's Urszula Radwanska in their first round match of the French Open tennis tournament, at Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Sunday, May 26, 2013. Venus Williams lost in the French Open's first round for the first time since 2001, beaten 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), 6-4 Sunday by 40th-ranked Urszula Radwanska of Poland.

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because that's not who I am. But that's all I had.”

Her quick exit came a year after she lost in the second

round at Roland Garros to Radwanska's older sister, Agnieszka, the 2012 Wimbledon runner-up.

“Yeah, of course, I was talking with Aga about Venus,” Urszula said. “I was well-prepared for this match, and I knew she was a great fighter, so I should be focused the whole match.”

Williams, naturally, also knows a thing or two about having a more successful tennis-playing sibling, and her short stay in Paris comes a year after younger sister Serena, who owns 15 Grand Slam titles, was upset in the first round at Roland Garros. Serena made a fluent return to the clay-court tournament in the early afternoon Sunday, overwhelming 74th-ranked Anna Tatishvili 6-0, 6-1 — and then addressing an appreciative audience at Court Philippe Chatrier in the local language.

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“I have been speaking French for years and years, but I don't really have a lot of confidence,” Serena said later, in English. “It's way, way more nerve-racking than playing tennis.”

On this day, for her, absolutely.

With shadows creeping

across the court in the early evening, Venus had a much tougher time against Urszula, who is far-less-accomplished than Agnieszka, the French Open's fourth seed.

Truth be told, this result really was not nearly as stunning as Serena's French Open loss to 111th-ranked Virginie Razzano (who also won Sunday) in 2012. That remains Serena's only first-round departure in 51 appearances at Grand Slams, and she rebounded by winning Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and the London Olympics.

Venus, 32 and still learning to live with an energy-sapping autoimmune disease, now has two first-round losses in the past four Grand Slam tournaments. Her defeat at Wimbledon last June was the first time she'd left a major championship that early since she lost in the first round of the Australian Open 6½ years earlier.

“With what I've gone through, it's not easy. But I'm strong and I'm a fighter. You know, I don't think I'm just playing for me now. I think I'm playing for a lot of people who haven't felt well,” Venus said. □

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With five consecutive pars after that, Weekley finished at 14-under 266 for a one-stroke victory over Matt Kuchar, the second- and third-round leader who had a closing 68.

Defending Colonial champion Zach Johnson, who also won at Hogan's Alley in 2010, shot 66 to finish third at 12 under for his first top-10 finish this season.

Both of Weekley's previous wins had been at Harbour Town, in 2007 and 2008. Like the Heritage winner, the Colonial champion gets a plaid jacket, though the 2008 Ryder Cup team member wasn't able to compare any differences between them.

“I couldn't tell you, it's been so long,” said Weekley, who moved up to No. 55 in the world ranking,



Boo Weekley celebrates after being presented the champion blazer after winning the Colonial golf tournament Sunday, May 25, 2013, in Fort Worth, Texas.

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making him eligible for the U.S. Open.

Weekley, whose prize of just more than \$1.1 million matched what he earned his previous 14 tournaments this season while making 12 cuts and finishing in the top

10 three times, never trailed after consecutive birdies at Nos. 8-10. Those came at the same time Scott Stallings made double bogey at No. 15 to drop out of the lead.

Kuchar, at No. 13 the high-

est-ranked player in the field, was 12 under after a 55-foot birdie putt at the 436-yard 12th hole. Kuchar punched his right arm into the air to punctuate the shot that got him within a stroke of Weekley for the lead. Johnson was at No. 17, where a 19-footer for his second consecutive birdie also got him to 12 under.

Almost as quickly, their one-stroke deficit was back to two after Weekley's birdie at No. 13.

“I played well, that's all you can do and whoever wins, tip of the cap,” Johnson said.

Stallings' closing 66 put him in a tie for fourth at 11 under, with John Rollins (68) and Matt Every (69).

The best round of the day was a 62 by Web.com Tour player Franklin Corpening, a Fort Worth native who grew up at Colonial and played at TCU. He finished

at 8 under and tied for 14th, earning an automatic invitation to play again next year.

Kuchar made an 11-foot birdie putt off the back fringe at No. 2 before a bogey on the next hole when he took two shots from a greenside bunker. Then came a steady stream of pars until rolling in that long putt at No. 12. He didn't have another birdie until a closing 20-footer for second place alone, his sixth career runner-up finish.

Weekley won in the same week he went to see a doctor about the problem he has had recently maintaining focus in his left eye, sometimes causing bad twitches and making it problematic reading greens.

“I had a few out there. It was coming and going in that wind,” Weekley said. □

Red Sox rally for 4 in 9th, beat Indians 6-5

By KEN POWTAK
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) -- Jacoby Ellsbury walked to the plate thinking he had an advantage. One pitch later, he was running away from his celebrating teammates. Ellsbury hit a game-ending, two-run double on Joe Smith's first pitch, capping a four-run, ninth-inning rally that lifted the Boston Red Sox over the Cleveland Indians 6-5 Sunday.

Cleveland led 5-2 entering the ninth, when Chris Perez (2-1) walked Dustin Pedroia leading off. David Ortiz doubled, and Mike Napoli and Jarrod Saltalamacchia hit consecutive RBI groundouts.

Walks to Jonny Gomes and Jose Iglesias around Stephen Drew's single loaded the bases. Perez fell behind Ellsbury 2-1 in the count and left with a shoulder injury. Ellsbury then doubled to left-center, and was chased down by teammates who ran from the dugout to celebrate Boston's ninth win in 12 games. "His mindset, I would think, is to attack the hitter," Ellsbury said in the middle of Boston's clubhouse. "The last thing I think he's wants to do is walk me and bring in the tying run. I just wanted to be aggressive in the zone and get a pitch I could drive. Fortunately, I got it."

Boston won three of four against Cleveland, managed by Terry Francona in his first series back at Fenway Park since leaving the Red Sox after the 2011 season. Francona led the Red Sox to World Series titles in 2004 and 2007.

It was Boston's ninth win in 12 games.

"When you think back to the ninth inning, they key at-bat to me was Iglesias' walk," Boston manager John Farrell said. "He fouls off a tough two-strike pitch, takes a close 3-2 pitch to walk. Unfortunately for them, Perez goes out with

an injury. We felt like when Smith came in, that arm slot fit Jake's (Jacoby's) swing pretty well, and we saw the reason for it."

Perez said he's been dealing with some arm pain.

"I felt a little something in the shoulder today out there. Obviously not the best timing there. So, it's something I have to deal with," he said. "On that last pitch to Ellsbury. It kind of pinched on me and sent a little pain down my arm. Then I tried to throw another pitch, and it just wasn't happening."

Francona knew what a tough spot it was for Smith. "It's very difficult. That's tough duty," he said. "With a 2-1 count you've got to throw a strike, and he did. To Ellsbury's credit, he put the wood on it and put the barrel on it and now we've got to go regroup."

Craig Breslow (2-0) allowed one run and two hits in two innings. Red Sox starter Felix Doubront gave up four runs - two earned - and five hits in six innings with eight strikeouts. Boston trailed 4-3 in the eighth inning of Saturday's 7-4 win.

"It shows the desire of this team the last two days," Gomes said. Cleveland's Corey Kluber gave up one run and three hits in 6 2-3 innings. Nick Swisher and Jason Kipnis hit solo homers for the Indians. Carlos Santana's two-run single hit a two-run single in the first after Ellsbury dropped Kipnis' fly to center for an error.

Daniel Nava had an RBI single in the third after Stephen Drew snapped an 0-for-17 slide with a double. Kipnis homered off the Pesky Pole in right in the fifth, and Swisher homered in left leading off the sixth. Swisher's sacrifice fly made it 5-1 in the eighth, and Iglesias had a sacrifice fly in the bottom half. □



Boston Red Sox's Jacoby Ellsbury, left, is mobbed by teammates including Stephen Drew, center, and David Ortiz, right after his game winning walk off two-run double during the ninth inning of Boston's 6-5 win over the Cleveland Indians in a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston Sunday, May 26, 2013.

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Tony Kanaan finally wins Indy 500, ends heartbreak

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The hard-luck loser no more, Tony Kanaan finally won the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday — with a bit of luck, at that.

In the mix all day during a record 68 lead changes, the popular Brazilian dipped inside defending IndyCar champion Ryan Hunter-Reay on a restart with three laps to go and cruised from there under the yellow caution flag.

He flipped up his visor to wipe tears from his eyes as the crowd roared, and then poured the celebratory winner's milk over his head in Victory Lane.

"I have to say, the last lap was the longest lap of my life," Kanaan said. "I got a little bit of luck today. I was looking at the stands, and it was unbelievable. I'm speechless. This is it, man. I made it."

"It means a lot to because so many people, I could feel that they wanted me to win, and it's such a selfish thing to do because what are they getting from it? I'm the one who gets the trophy. And if you can bring some joy to them and I think the best thing was trying to put an exciting race for them. And I said it before the race, I believed that this win was more for people out there than for me."

Kanaan had his fair share of chances to win at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, but came up short time and time again. He was leading when the rain came in 2007, only to lose to Dario Franchitti when the race resumed.

In all, Kanaan went into Sunday's race with 221 laps led at Indy — more than any non-winner except Michael Andretti and Rex Mays — but his second-place finish to Buddy Rice in 2004 was the closest he had come to victory. He had a pair of third-place finishes, including last year, again to Franchitti.

"I wanted it all my life, but over the years I was kind of OK with the fact that I may never have the chance



Tony Kanaan, of Brazil, pumps his fist in front of Marco Andretti to celebrate after winning the Indianapolis 500 auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Sunday, May 26, 2013.

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Tony Kanaan, of Brazil, celebrates after winning the Indianapolis 500 auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Sunday, May 26, 2013.

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to win," Kanaan said. "We can disprove the theory that nice guys don't win. We proved that wrong."

This time, it was Franchitti whose crash brought out the final caution to seal Kanaan's victory.

"It's wonderful for him," said Mario Andretti, himself a victim of bad luck at Indy. "He's raced here long enough that he deserves it, no question."

The win for Kanaan and car owner Jimmy Vasser was celebrated throughout the paddock. Alex Zanardi, who came from Italy to watch the race and gave Kanaan one of his 2012 London Paralympics med-

als as good luck, wept behind the pit wall as Kanaan took the checkered flag.

"I tell you I'm starting to think (the medal) really works," said Zanardi, who lost his legs in a 2001 crash in Germany. "It's a dream come true to see Tony win, to see Jimmy Vasser win, my dear friend. I'm so happy, I'm so happy."

It was Vasser who brought Zanardi's medal to Kanaan before the race, telling his driver that Zanardi wanted him to rub it for good luck.

"I cuddled with it," Kanaan later admitted.

Fellow Brazilian Helio Castroneves, shooting for a record-tying fourth Indy win,

was happy for his longtime friend.

"Finally he's able to win this race. He's so close so many times, but the good news is the good old boys are still able to run fast," Castroneves said.

Carlos Munoz, a 21-year-old rookie making his first IndyCar start, finished second and Hunter-Reay was third.

"T.K. is such a fan favorite, absolutely, it's great to see him win it. If anybody is going to win it in the field, he's one of the few I'd like to see other than myself," Hunter-Reay said. "We were leading on that last restart, I knew I was a sitting duck, and I wasn't too bummed about it because I knew we had enough laps to get it going again and have a pass back. Maybe I would be third on the last lap, which is where I wanted to be."

Only there wasn't a last lap as Franchitti brought out the caution seconds after the race went green.

"I went into the first corner on the last restart and it just didn't turn and then hit. The big, old hit," said Franchitti. "When I saw who was leading, it cheered me up a little bit. He's a very, very deserving winner."

The leaders came to the finish line all bunched up around Kanaan, saluting the longtime IndyCar stal-

wart who had longed to add the final missing piece to his resume. That was about as slow as anyone had driven all day. The average speed was 187.433 mph, another Indy record. Marco Andretti finished fourth, failing to win for the eighth time, and Justin Wilson was fifth in the highest-finishing Honda on a day that was dominated by Chevrolet. Castroneves was sixth. Pole-sitter Ed Carpenter led a race-high 37 laps and finished 10th. For a time, it appeared the win would go to AJ Allmendinger, who led 23 laps in his Indy 500 debut for Roger Penske.

Fired by Penske from his NASCAR ride last year after failing a NASCAR drug test, Penske gave him a second chance with this IndyCar opportunity. Seven years after leaving open-wheel racing, Allmendinger finally ran "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" and was leading when his seat belt came undone, forcing him to pit.

It put Allmendinger off the pit cycle, and he was forced to stop for gas twice far in advance of the rest of the field. It meant Allmendinger had to drive his way back to the front each time, and he finally sputtered out at seventh.

"Once I figured it out, it was phenomenal. I could drive by guys at will when I wanted to," Allmendinger said. "I felt like we were up front running our own race, and, I don't know, belts come undone. It just popped."

"I'll be honest, pretty special moment to be leading at Indy," he said. "My body kind of went numb, my mind was racing and I could feel my heart beating really fast, and that's a special moment I'll never forget."

A year after 34 lead changes and a frantic finish created what many considered the best Indy ever, IndyCar had its hands full trying to top itself.

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Italy's Matteo Manassero wins BMW PGA Championship

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Associated Press

VIRGINIA WATER, England

(AP) — Matteo Manassero became the youngest champion in the 58-year history of the BMW PGA Championship on Sunday, beating 2010 winner Simon Khan of England on the fourth playoff hole to win his fourth European Tour title.

Aged 20 years, 37 days, the Italian made amends for letting victory slip at the tournament in 2011. The previous youngest winner was Bernhard Gallacher of Scotland at 20 years, 97 days in 1969. Manassero has now qualified for next month's U.S. Open, avoiding a 36-hole qualifier on Monday at the Walton Heath course.

"I'm feeling amazing about this win. I also feel really proud and honored to have won the flagship event," he said. "I feel extremely happy. Extremely happy because this place has always had a real special feeling to me and I was in contention in 2011, (but) couldn't do it. That was Luke's (Donald) time, but I'm so proud to win this year." Marc Warren of Scotland (3-under 69) Manassero (69) and Khan (66) were tied at 10-under 278 after regulation play. Warren was eliminated following the first playoff hole after finding the trees off the 18th.

Khan and Manassero both made birdies for the first three playoff holes before the Italian sealed victory with a par after Khan found the water guarding the green with his approach shot.

Manassero became the



Italy's Matteo Manassero with the PGA Championship trophy after round four on day four of the PGA Championship at the Wentworth Club, Virginia Water, England, Sunday May 26, 2013.

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youngest winner on tour at 17 years, 188 days when capturing the 2010 Castellon Masters in Spain. He added a second title five months later by winning the 2011 Malaysian Open. At the 2010 Masters, Manassero became the youngest player to make the cut and he won the Singapore Open last November.

Becoming only the second Italian after Costantino Rocca in 1996 to win at Wentworth earned Manassero 791,660 euros (\$1,012,928) to rise into second place on the Race to Dubai.

"I now have to be obviously looking at the next Ryder Cup and I really want to be there, and that's all I can say," Manassero said. "I can certainly say to you that I feel good in match play because I've done well at the Accenture Match-Play Championship, and I've played a lot of match play as an amateur." □

Nibali takes Giro title; Cavendish wins last stage

BRESCIA, Italy (AP) — Vincenzo Nibali coasted to the Giro d'Italia title in the final stage of the three-week classic Sunday, while Mark Cavendish won the 21st leg in a sprint finish for his fifth victory in this year's race.

For Nibali, an Italian with the Astana team, the title cemented his status in an elite group of current riders considered capable of winning Grand Tours, along with Alberto Contador, Chris Froome and Bradley Wiggins.

Nibali took the overall leader's pink jersey after the seventh stage, never gave it up, and padded his lead by winning the final two mountain stages in dominating fashion.

Wearing entirely pink, Nibali was celebrated by fans throughout the mostly ceremonial final stage.

"It was a really unique emotion hearing all the fans cheering for me," Nibali said. "I really enjoyed this stage. It was unbelievable seeing all those people along the road. This victory crowns a life's dream." Rigoberto Uran of Colombia finished second overall and Cadel Evans of Australia, the 2011 Tour de France winner, was third, 4:43 and 5:52 behind Nibali, respectively.

Evans said from the start that he was using the Giro to prepare for the Tour.

"Like I said from the first day, I came here to recover the days of racing I lost last year to illness and to get back to my best," Evans said. "Not looking at results, but in terms of ob-



Italy's Vincenzo Nibali holds the trophy after winning the Giro d'Italia, Tour of Italy cycling race, in Brescia, Sunday, May 26, 2013.

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jectives to work for, it was really successful. To be on the podium for what was, in some ways, just a training ride, is something."

It was Cavendish's 15th win in his Giro career and 41st in cycling's three Grand Tours — the Giro, Tour de France and Spanish Vuelta. He has a career total of 102 victories.

"I've always just wanted to win," Cavendish said. "I've been addicted to it since I was a child. Just wanting to win brings the best out of everyone. Especially when you have a team built around you, you have to deliver 100 percent. That's what I try to do. If someone comes along who is faster, I'll go home, work harder, and come back faster the next year. It's as simple as this."

The British rider with the Omega Pharma-Quick Step team clocked 5 hours, 30 minutes, 8 seconds over the 206-kilometer (128-mile) leg from Riese Pio X to Brescia. The stage route

was altered slightly due to avoid passing through a few towns where local elections were being held. Italians Sacha Modolo and Elia Viviani finished second and third in the stage, respectively, with the same time as Cavendish.

The end of the stage was held entirely in Brescia, over a 4.2-kilometer (2.6-mile) circuit that was completed seven times. Part of the circuit took riders over cobblestones.

While much of the three-week race was characterized by wet and cold weather, including hard rain and even a snow blizzard in the penultimate stage Saturday, the final leg was held under clear skies.

Cavendish also secured the red points jersey by winning an intermediate sprint with 16 kilometers (10 miles) to go. It's the first time he has won the points jersey at the Giro, adding it to his jerseys from the 2010 Vuelta and the 2011 Tour. □

Personal Health:

Shaking off loneliness for mind and body

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I now know why I gained more than 30 pounds in my early 20s: I was lonely. I had left my beloved alma mater upstate for graduate school and a job in the Upper Midwest. I knew no one and felt like a fish out of water.

I filled my lonely nights and days with – you guessed it – food. Anything I could get my hands on, especially candy, cookies and ice cream. Food filled the hole in my soul, at least temporarily.

No matter how hard I tried, I could not rein in my out-of-control eating until I returned to New York and my family, and began dating my future husband.

Loneliness, says John T. Cacioppo, an award-winning psychologist at the University of Chicago, undermines people's ability to self-regulate. In one experiment he cites, participants made to feel socially disconnected ate many more cookies than those made to feel socially accepted. In a real-life study of middle-aged and older adults in the Chicago area, Cacioppo and colleagues found that those who scored high on the UCLA Loneliness Scale, a widely used psychological assessment, ate substantially more fatty foods than those who scored low. "Is it any wonder that we turn to ice cream or other fatty foods when we're sitting at home feeling all alone in the world?" Cacioppo said in his well-documented book, "Loneliness," written with William Patrick. "We want to soothe the pain we feel by mainlining sugar and fat content to the pleasure centers of the brain, and absent of self-control, we go right at it." He explained that lonely individuals tend to do whatever they can to make themselves feel better, if only for the moment. They may overeat, drink too much, smoke, speed or engage in indiscriminate sex. A review of research pub-

lished in 1988 found that "social isolation is on a par with high blood pressure, obesity, lack of exercise or smoking as a risk factor for illness and early death," Cacioppo wrote. Even without indulging in unwholesome behaviors, Cacioppo and others have shown that loneliness can impair health by raising levels of stress hormones and increasing inflammation. The damage can be widespread, affecting every bodily system and brain function.



Social isolation can adversely affect health, undermining the ability to self-regulate, raising stress and increasing inflammation, studies show.

(Keith Negley/The New York Times)

Lisa Jaremka, a postdoctoral fellow at Ohio State University, reported in January at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology that people who are lonely have higher levels of antibodies to certain herpes viruses, indicating more activated viruses in their systems. In another study, she found higher levels of inflammation-inducing substances in the blood of lonely people. Chronic inflammation has been linked to heart disease, arthritis, Type 2 diabetes and even suicide attempts, Jaremka noted. People who are lonely also react more strongly to negative events and perceive daily life as being more stressful, which can depress the immune system. Loneliness can even influence how genes are expressed, Cacioppo has

found. Loneliness predicted changes in DNA transcription that in turn dampened the body's ability to shut off the inflammatory response, he reported. A study by Dr. Carla M. Perissinotto and colleagues at the University of California, San Francisco, assessed loneliness among 1,604 older adults and followed them for six years. Those who were lonely were more likely to develop difficulties performing activities of daily living like bathing and dressing,

using their arms and shoulders, climbing stairs and walking. Loneliness was also associated with an increased risk of death during the study period. It is not surprising that loneliness has also been linked to cognitive decline. A Dutch study published last year in The Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry found that participants who reported feeling lonely – regardless of how many friends and family surrounded them – were more likely to develop dementia than those who lived on their own but were not lonely. The nearly 2,200 participants, ages 65 to 86, were followed for three years and had shown no signs of dementia at the study's start. About half lived alone, and 20 percent reported feeling lonely. After adjusting for other factors

that are linked to cognitive decline, like age, feeling lonely was linked to a 64 percent increase in the risk of developing dementia, according to Tjalling Jan Holwerda of the VU University Medical Center in Amsterdam. This is not proof that loneliness causes dementia; The reverse could be true. People whose cognitive abilities begin declining may withdraw from others, the authors suggested. On the other hand, loneliness may result in "a lack of sensory and cognitive stimulation," which in turn reduces levels of nerve growth factors in the brain and may contribute to dementia. The Dutch study, among others, suggests that how people perceive their situation may have a stronger impact on health than whether they live alone and lack social connections. Divorced people have reported feeling lonelier in a bad marriage than they do being single. And people who live alone may still have a large network of friends and family that helps to keep loneliness at bay. But according to Cacioppo, having many friends and family members around does not guarantee immunity from loneliness if the relationships are missing a strong emotional connection. The quality of these relationships – how meaningful they are to the individual – counts more than numbers in predicting loneliness, his studies and others have shown. People are fundamentally social beings who require meaningful connections with others to maximize health and well-being. Cacioppo suggests reaching out to others with "random acts of kindness": doing something that helps them physically or emotionally, maybe something as simple as complimenting a stranger's outfit, leaving behind the change in a coffee machine, or helping an old person carry groceries or cross the street. □

Frog used in pregnancy tests spread fatal fungus

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A species of frog that was used from the 1930s to the 1950s in human pregnancy tests is a carrier of a deadly amphibian disease that is now threatening hundreds of other species of frogs and salamanders.

The species, the African clawed frog, was shipped across the world for use in human pregnancy tests, until a different method was developed for determining whether a woman is pregnant. Released to the wild, the frogs are now proving to be a threat to other animals on multiple continents. "There are populations here in Golden Gate Park, in San Diego, Los Angeles, Europe, China, nearly everywhere," said Vance Vredenburg, a conservation biologist at San Francisco State University and one of the researchers involved in the study, which was published on Wednesday in the journal PLoS One.

The pathogen the frogs are spreading is a fungus called *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*, or Bd. It has led to the recent decline or extinction of 200 frog species worldwide, the researchers report. Researchers in 2004 found Bd in a museum specimen of an African clawed frog that dated to 1934. But the frog itself appears to be unaffected by the fungus. "Evolution has run its course," Vredenburg said. "The species probably at some point suffered, but the survivors have figured out ways to survive." For other species, the pathogen is "the worst disease in vertebrate history," Vredenburg said. The disease infects the skin of frogs and salamanders and causes it to thicken 40 times greater than normal, Vredenburg said. Within a couple of weeks, the disease causes an electrolyte imbalance and the amphibians die of heart attacks, he said. □



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Trailblazing Israeli electric car company to close

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JERUSALEM (AP) — It was an audacious idea that came to symbolize Israel's self-described status as "Start-Up Nation," a company that believed it could replace most gasoline-powered cars with electric vehicles and reduce the world's reliance on oil — and all within a few years. But it all came crashing down.

The company, Better Place, started out as a source of pride and a symbol of Israel's status as a global high-tech power, but it suffered from a local brand of hubris and overreach. On Sunday, it announced plans to liquidate after burning through almost a billion dollars and failing to sell its silent fleet of French-made sedans to a skeptical public.

"This is a very sad day for all of us. We stand by the original vision as formulated by Shai Agassi of creating a green alternative that would lessen our dependence on highly polluting transportation technologies," the company said. "Unfortunately, the path to realizing that vision was difficult, complex and littered with obstacles, not all of which we were able to overcome."

It capped a stunning fall from grace for Better Place and its founder Agassi, a former high-tech whiz kid who sought to change the world by building a revolutionary network of battery-swapping stations.

Agassi, 45, believed that in an era of global warming and rising oil prices, environmentally friendly electric cars could be the wave of the future, if only a way could be found to overcome the limited range of



In this Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010 file photo, an electric car is seen during a demonstration of the California-based company Better Place in Tel Aviv, Israel.

their batteries.

Better Place offered an elegant solution. The vast majority of travelers who commute short distances could plug in their cars at home or work each day to keep their batteries recharged. For longer distances, customers could stop at the swapping stations, remove their used battery and replace it with a fully charged one in a matter of minutes.

Agassi's native Israel was chosen as the company's main laboratory, and a network of several dozen stations was installed, offering travelers nationwide coverage.

Israel was a particularly ideal testing ground, thanks to high fuel prices, a supportive government, its relatively small size and dense population centers. The cars were expected to appeal to Israel's tech-savvy population, and the ability to weaken the political clout of its oil-rich enemies was an added plus. The project won the support of President Shimon Peres, received generous financial incentives from the Israeli government and an endorsement from former President Bill Clinton.

Agassi, a former top executive at software maker SAP, became a celeb-

rity CEO. He was a central character in "Start-Up Nation," a best-selling book about Israel's high-tech industry, he was named to Time Magazine's list of the 100 most influential people in 2009 and became a fixture at international conferences such as the World

Agassi promised to 5,000 of his cars on Israel's roads by the end of 2011 and predicted that a majority of cars sold in Israel would be electric by 2016.

"The end of the oil era will not come because we ran out of oil — it will come because we don't want to use oil any more to drive," Agassi told The Associated Press in a 2011 interview. "I can guarantee you that we will finish the need for oil as an energy source for cars before we run out of oil in the ground."

The numbers never panned out. Only about 1,000 Better Place cars are on the roads, and the company ran into trouble with investors. Last October, Agassi was forced to step down, and the com-

pany never gained its footing. Reached by the AP on Sunday, Agassi declined comment. Better Place claimed to be the first nationwide network of battery-swapping stations. Other countries, such as Germany, have public networks of charging stations, while in other places, travelers typically recharge their vehicles at home. For the most part, electric cars have not enjoyed their expected success anywhere. The battery alone in an electric car costs as much as a new gasoline-powered car, and electric vehicles are not selling nearly as fast as once projected. General Motors expected to sell 60,000 Chevy Volts globally last year, but sold just half that many. Sales of Nissan's all-electric Leaf grew 22 percent around the world last year to 26,000, short of Nissan's projected 50 percent growth.

One exception has been American electric car maker Tesla Motors, which recently posted its first profitable quarter.

Among Better Place's mistakes, the company misjudged consumers' willingness to embrace the new technology. There was the issue of "range anxiety," the fear of some that the batteries, with ranges of about 160 kilometers, or 100 miles, would conk out in inconvenient places.

Others balked at the price. The cars sold for roughly \$32,000, comparable to other sedans in Israel. And the pricing plans, roughly \$300 to more than \$500 a month depending on mileage, did not provide enough savings to overcome the doubters.

Sunday's announcement left many questions unanswered, especially what will happen to its cars and charging stations. Better Place has also installed a network of stations in Denmark and has operations in Australia, the Netherlands, China, Hawaii and Japan. Several hundred workers in Israel are expected to lose their jobs, and stunned customers said they did not know whether they would be able to continue driving. □



In this Wednesday, March 23, 2011 file photo, Israeli-American entrepreneur Shai Agassi, founder and CEO of "Better Place", a project developing electric vehicles and a network of charging points, stands at an electric charging station in Kiryat Ekron, central Israel.

Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

In roughly five years, Better Place raised some \$850 million from investors like General Electric Co., HSBC Holdings PLC and the European Investment Bank. Israel Corp., controlled by billionaire Idan Ofer, was the largest shareholder. Agassi persuaded French car maker Renault to make a customized electric version of its Fluence sedan.

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Wall Street Week Ahead:

Investors shift focus to growth stocks and profits

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NEW YORK (AP) — Growth stocks, neglected at the start of the year, are starting to get a bit of love from investors again. The best returns in the Standard & Poor's 500 index over the past month have been posted by technology companies. Industrial companies as well as banks and insurers are also performing better. By contrast, gains for utilities and consumer staples companies — safe-play stocks that had been investor favorites in the first three months of this year — have stalled. It's a change in tone in the rally that has pushed the market to record highs this year. Investors are getting more comfortable owning riskier stocks.

The gains for stocks early this year were driven by investors looking for so-called defensive stocks: big companies in steady industries which pay large dividends and aren't as volatile as the overall market. Now, investors are favoring companies that have the best chance of increasing their profits as the economy expands.

After a period of subdued growth, investors are more optimistic that the economy is set to revive. If the economy is poised for an upturn, companies whose fortunes are more closely linked to growth should do better.

Technology stocks have gained 6.6 percent in the past month, the best performance of all the industry groups that make up the S&P 500. Utilities did the worst, falling 5.7 percent. The index as a whole rose 4.8 percent.

Here are some of the reasons behind the shift in investor sentiment:

IT'S THE ECONOMY

Earlier this month, the government said that unemployment fell to a four-year low as hiring picked up. That was another piece of evidence pointing to better growth.

If investors believe that the

economy will carry on improving, it makes sense for them to load up on the stocks of companies that will benefit most from accelerating growth.

Banks tend to perform better in a strong economy because demand for loans increases as companies borrow more to expand. Technology stocks and industrial companies also do better when other companies start to invest in new equipment. Airplane maker Boeing has gained 10.1 percent over the past month to \$100.

"The thing that you want to buy in this economy, is growth — wherever you can find it," says Ron Sloan, a senior portfolio manager at Invesco.

HIGH-DIVIDEND STOCKS ARE GETTING PRICEY

After a long run-up, stocks that pay rich dividends have become expensive. The price-earnings ratio, a measure used by investors to value stocks, has surged for utilities and consumer staples companies.

Investors were paying more than 19 times next year's earnings over the past twelve months for utilities stocks at the end of April, the highest ratio in at least 10 years, according to FactSet data. The ratio for consumer staples companies, such as Procter & Gamble and Wal-Mart Stores, rose as high as 18.

Those ratios compare with an average price-earnings ratio for S&P 500 companies of 15.7, which is slightly above the 10-year average for the index of 15.1. While those valuations have fallen back slightly over the past month, they're still higher than for companies that will benefit if the economy picks up. Investors are currently paying just 14.2 times earnings to buy financial stocks and 14.7 times earnings for technology stocks.

"The savvy investors that are doing this looked at valuations," says Ron Florence, managing director of investment strategy at Wells Fargo Private Bank.

"How much am I paying for economic opportunity?"

DIVIDEND POTENTIAL

It's better to invest in a company that has the potential to earn more money, and in turn increase its dividends, than to overpay for established dividend payers, says Jim Morrow, a portfolio manager of Fidelity's Equity Income Fund. Financial and technology companies may not pay the biggest dividends right now, but they have

past. Currently, they pay average dividends of just 1.4 percent, but the trend is for higher payouts.

In 2004, tech companies in the S&P 500 paid just 0.3 percent. That trend is likely to continue as income-hungry investors put more pressure on companies to pay dividends.

BOND YIELDS ARE EDGING HIGHER

Rising interest rates are bad for stocks that pay big dividends. When long-term

yield has climbed from 1.63 percent on May 3, its lowest of the year, before the April jobs report was published.

As yields have risen, the big dividend-paying stocks, utilities and telecommunication companies, have fallen.

HOPEFUL SIGNS ON EARNINGS

Another reason investors are starting to take a shine to technology stocks is that their earnings are showing



Trader Peter Tuchman, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The gains for stocks early this year were driven by investors looking for so-called defensive stocks. Now, investors are favoring companies that have the best chance of increasing their profits as the economy expands. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

large amounts of cash on their balance sheets. That means they are in a position to pay more money to shareholders.

Technology companies in the S&P 500 have \$419 billion of cash on their balance sheets, accounting for about 40 percent of all cash held by S&P 500 companies, according to S&P Capital IQ data.

"Give me a balance sheet that's full of cash," says Morrow.

Take Apple. The technology giant said April 23 that it would distribute \$100 billion to its shareholders by 2015, some of it in the form of higher dividends.

Technology companies haven't been the biggest dividend payers in the

interest rates start to rise, bonds start looking attractive again to investors who are looking for income. That diminishes the appeal of defensive stocks.

Bond yields have risen this month on speculation that the Fed is considering easing back on its stimulus program as the economy improves. The Federal Reserve is spending \$85 billion a month on buying bonds to push down interest rates. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.03 percent on Wednesday, close to its highest level of the year, after minutes of the Fed's meeting earlier this month showed that some policymakers favored cutting back on stimulus as early June. The

signs of picking up.

Microsoft delivered solid results last month from its Office, software tools and Xbox divisions.

Google, the leader in Internet search, raised prices for ads distributed to smartphones and tablet computers.

The company's stock climbed above \$900 for the first time May 15.

Even the outlook for Hewlett-Packard is improving. The company's stock surged 17 percent Wednesday after the struggling PC maker reported quarterly earnings that weren't as bad as analysts had been expecting. That encouraged investors to think that HP's turnaround strategy may succeed. □

Women know more about finances than they get credit for

ALINA TUGEND

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On occasion, when my female friends and I are sitting around talking, the issue of money will come up. And generally, most will readily admit that they don't know anywhere near as much about their family finances as they should.

I find that interesting but not surprising. After all, so many studies and news media reports reinforce the idea that women lag behind men in understanding how to handle their money.

Recently, though, some experts in personal finance are challenging the common wisdom, saying that the differences in how men and women deal with finances have been overstated. Further, they say, it does no service to women to portray them as naïve and in need of special help.

"A lot of the industry is flat-out condescending to women," said Helaine Olen, a financial journalist and the author of the book "Pound Foolish: Exposing the Dark Side of the Personal Finance Industry." The real problem, Olen said, is that women often earn less money than men yet live longer. They also tend more frequently than men to drop in and out of the labor force to stay at home with children.

"I'm afraid this niching of women is a way to get around the systemic problems" that need to be addressed through public policy, she said. Olen also said that some of the advice for women, such as to cut back on shopping, is unhelpful at best and sexist at worst.

A 2011 Gallup poll showed that men spend \$11 more a day than women, Olen wrote in her book.

Annamaria Lusardi, a professor of economics and accountancy at George Washington University and the academic director of the Global Financial Literacy Excellence Center, said the idea "that women spend more is a myth."

She said, however, that

there was a clear gender difference when it comes to financial literacy, not just in the U.S. but around the world. Lusardi was the co-author of a study of eight countries - the United

States, Japan, New Zealand, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Italy and Russia - that found that the overall level of financial literacy was low. According to the study, Americans

had a harder time with simple calculations, but no country stood out as being particularly knowledgeable. The study, "Financial Literacy Around the World: An Overview," was published in 2011 in The Journal of Pension Economics and Finance. Lusardi said women in all the countries studied were less likely than men to correctly answer questions about financial

literacy, particularly those that used technical terms. The more sophisticated the question and the more financial jargon that was used, the less likely women were to answer the question correctly, she said. Yet she said the take-away shouldn't be that women were more ignorant. Here's one example: "Buying a single company's stock usually provides a safer return than a stock mutual fund." The answer options are true, false, do not know or refuse to answer. (The answer: false.) In the United States, men answered correctly 57.1 percent of the time, compared with 46.8 percent of women. In Germany, both sexes picked the right answer more often than those in the United States did, but the difference between the sexes was similar, with 67.6 percent men and 56.8 percent of women scoring correctly. However, and this is interesting, "When we took away the 'do not know' option, women were no less likely to choose the wrong answer," Lusardi said. "So if forced to pick an answer, women seem to know as much as men." When women and men were asked to self-assess their financial knowledge, men tended to give themselves high scores - even when that is not warranted by their actual knowledge - while women tended to give themselves lower scores. □



Helaine Olen, a financial journalist and author who says that a lot of the finance industry is condescending to women, at her home office in New York, May 16, 2013. Research shows that men and women are more alike than the conventional wisdom suggests when dealing with money matters.
(Karsten Moran/The New York Times)

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RBS and Lloyds bank plan to bolster capital

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LONDON - Two of Britain's largest banks outlined plans on Wednesday to increase their capital reserves after local authorities demanded recently that the country's largest financial institutions raise a combined £25 billion (\$38 billion).

Royal Bank of Scotland and the Lloyds Banking Group, which are both owned in part by British taxpayers after receiving multibillion-dollar bailouts during the financial crisis, said they would meet the shortfall by retaining earnings and selling assets.

Both British banks added that they would not have to raise additional capital in the financial markets to meet the regulatory requirements.

The latest announcements come as banks across Europe, including Deutsche

Bank and HSBC, are taking steps to bolster their capital reserves in line with new accounting standards known as Basel III.

European authorities are eager to protect the continent's firms from instability caused by delinquent assets and exposure to risky trading and have outlined plans that require financial institutions to bolster their capital reserves.

On Wednesday, the International Monetary Fund said Britain should do more to fuel economic growth and be prepared to pump more money into its bailed-out banks if necessary.

The IMF said that some recent economic data from Britain were "encouraging" but that it did not point toward a sustainable recovery in the near term. "Activity appears to be improving, but a slow recovery remains likely," the fund said.

That view stands in contrast to comments by the outgoing governor of the Bank of England, Mervyn A. King, who said last week that there was "a welcome change in the economic outlook" and that a recovery was "in sight."

The fund has been a critic of the austerity program designed by George Osborne, the chancellor of the Exchequer, saying that the British economy would recover more quickly if the government slowed its spending cuts and tax increases. The IMF reiterated that warning Wednesday and called for additional public spending.

On Wednesday, neither RBS nor Lloyds disclosed the specific amount of capital that British regulators have demand they raise.

Analysts had raised concerns, though, that the banks were two of the most

vulnerable of the country's largest financial institutions despite years of restructuring to shed so-called non-core assets and return to profitability.

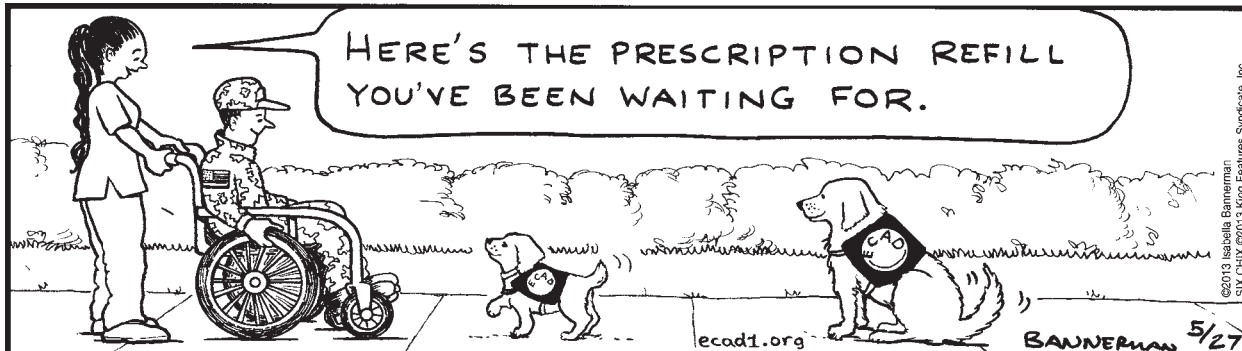
After receiving bailouts in 2008, both banks have struggled to jettison legacy assets, including billions of dollars of underperforming loans, that have weighed on their financial performances.

RBS, in which the British government holds an 81 percent stake, said Wednesday that it would meet its increased capital needs by continuing to reduce its exposure to risky assets and shrinking its investment banking unit, while also selling more assets. Since the financial crisis began, the bank has reduced its balance sheet by more than £600 billion of noncore assets and has eliminated more than 30,000 jobs. □

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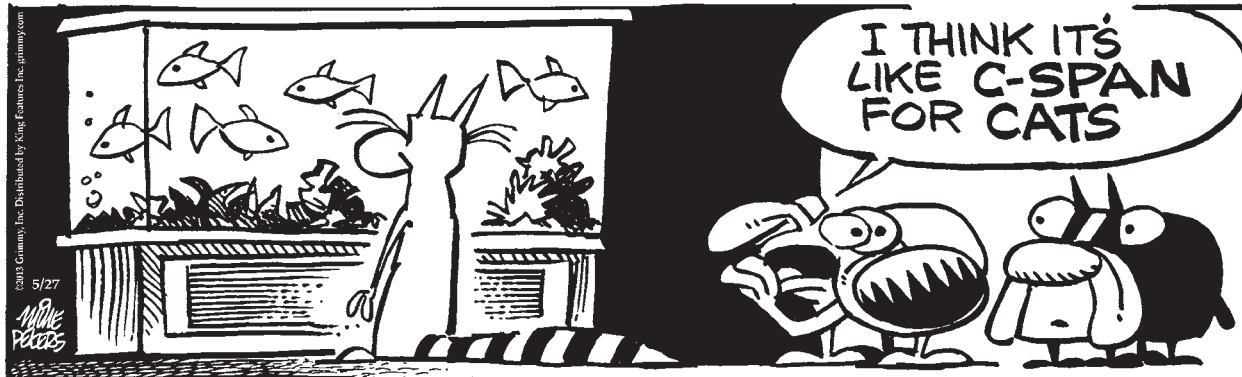
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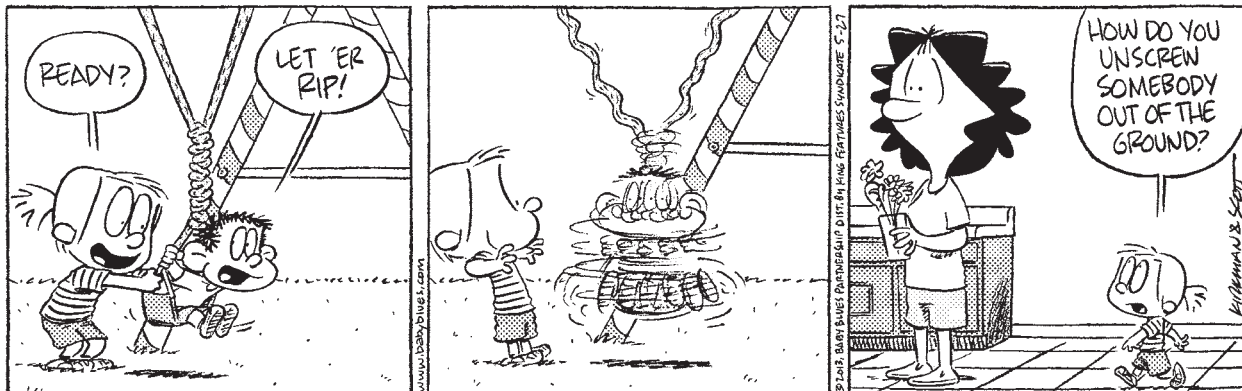
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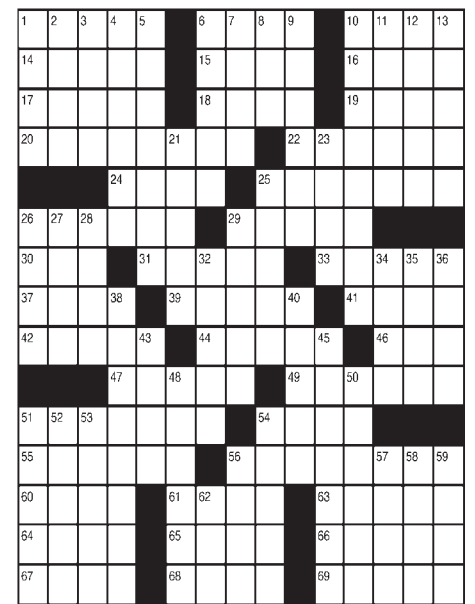
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'I'm not racist': Common claim after racial slurs

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It's almost a cliché. First, someone talking about blacks makes reference to fried chicken, watermelon, monkeys or dogs — all stereotypes used to denigrate African Americans. Someone might even use the indefensible N-word. Then, along with the inevitable apology, comes the kicker: I'm not racist.

The latest denial is from golfer Sergio Garcia. Asked a joking question about having dinner with his adversary Tiger Woods, Garcia said: "We will serve fried chicken." He later apologized for what he called a "silly remark," then added, "but in no way was the comment meant in a racist manner."

In the early 1900s, periodicals and postcards commonly displayed images of black people as grotesque, simple-minded "coons" obsessed with chicken and watermelon. From the 1920s to the 1950s, a three-restaurant chain of Coon Chicken Inns was popular around Salt Lake City, Seattle and Portland.

Perhaps the Spanish-born Garcia was unaware that chicken stereotypes have been used for at least a century to denigrate African-Americans. Maybe he was unaware of attitudes buried in his subconscious mind. As the backlash increased, Garcia did apologize further, calling his remark "totally stupid and out of place."

But by then, he had secured a place on the lengthy roll of people who have offered justifications for statements widely considered offensive.

How can words so hurtful be so easily brushed off? And what does the word "racist" even mean if it doesn't encompass people who use racial slurs?

"I think it's human nature that if you're a racist, you don't want to admit it," says conservative radio host Mike Gallagher.

"If Tiger said, 'Let's serve tacos at dinner with Garcia,' the world would go crazy," Gallagher said. "When a bigot tells a bigoted joke and they get called out on it, the pattern is, I'll say I'm sorry and maybe it will blow over."

The pattern is unmistakable. Said golfer Fuzzy Zoeller, after joking that Woods shouldn't order fried chicken for the Masters champions' dinner: The comments were "misconstrued." Said comedian Michael Richards, after responding to a black heckler with a lynching reference and the N-

word: "I'm not a racist." Said actor Mel Gibson, after claiming that Jews are responsible for all the wars in the world: "I'm not a bigot."

The phenomenon has been even more pronounced since Barack Obama became America's first black president: —Montana's chief federal judge resigned after emailing a joke in which a young Obama asks why he is black and his mother is white. The punch line involved a dog. "Although (the joke) is racist, I'm not that way, never have been," Judge Richard Cebull said.

— After drawing national attention for selling an anti-Obama bumper sticker that said "Don't Re-Nig in 2012," creator Paula Smith of Hinesville, Georgia insisted that neither she nor the sticker were racist. She called the uproar "amazing and entertaining."

— New York gubernatorial candidate Carl Paladino was pilloried for sending an email labeled "Obama Inauguration Rehearsal" that showed an African tribesman dancing. His response: "I'm not a racist. I'm proud to have created jobs for hundreds of people of every color and ethnicity."

— Arizona radio host Barbara Espinosa said she "voted for the white guy" and called Obama a monkey. Asked if that was offensive, she replied, "I'm anything but racist."

Clay Routledge, a social psychology professor at North Dakota State University who studies the ways people defend themselves against psychological threats, said they often engage in "self-deception": They may think they're a good athlete, for example, or have an outgoing personality — or do not have racial biases.

Whatever the case such moments come up every day for Logan Smith, a journalist who runs the Twitter feed YesYoureRacist. He started about eight months ago, after noticing a plethora of tweets starting with "I'm not racist, but."

Some of his favorite examples: "I'm not racist but having a black president is just not smart," "I'm not racist but black people scare me," and "I'm not racist but I can see where Hitler was coming from."

He said most of the tweets seem to come from teenagers: "They didn't grow up seeing 'coloreds only' water fountains, or civil rights marches in the papers, or apartheid on TV, and as a result, many of them simply don't understand what racism means," Smith said via email.

"They think that unless they're actually lynching a black person or something, they're not racist," Smith said, "because they don't understand things like institutionalized racism or inferiorization, and the his-

torical context of their statement."

When people associate black folks with chicken, the past often rushes into the present — as in a famous routine by the black comedian Dave Chappelle. "A lot of black people can relate to this. Have you ever had something happen that was so racist, that you didn't even get mad?" Chappelle said. He then tells a story about walking into a restaurant, contemplating his order with the counterperson, and "before I even finish my sentence he says, 'The chicken!'" "All these years I thought I liked chicken 'cause it was delicious," Chappelle said. "Turns out I'm genetically predisposed to liking chicken!" □

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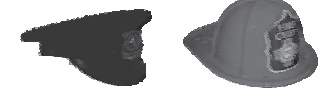


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Kosher meets industrial food at enzymes, acids

BY EMERY P. DALESIO

AP Business Writer

FRANKLINTON, North Carolina (AP) —

Orthodox Rabbi Pinchas Herman's duties have him rappelling inside a two-story-tall stainless steel tank at a factory that makes enzymes for food products.

For 10 minutes, the 47-year-old from Raleigh, North Carolina, runs his thumb along corners of the stainless steel tank and scans screens with his flashlight. He's checking whether the equipment is clean enough to make a product for sweeteners that can be declared kosher for the Passover holiday.

"Just checking for any possible residue from the prior product. The thing it comes to with various raw materials, it is difficult to get it fully removed," he said. Later, he'll stand in the control room watching the rising temperature of water being circulated through the equipment to clean it.

The inspection is an example of how the centuries-old dietary code of observant Jews is adapting to modern food technology and how kosher is increasingly being used as a mark of quality in the global food and drinks industry.

Herman's work at the Danish-owned Novozymes plant includes near-daily visits to a Durham supplier. There he checks that overseas deliveries arrive with unbroken seals set by rabbis abroad. Herman then checks that the preservatives extending shelf life and stabilizers controlling pH balance are properly repackaged for the short trip to Franklinton, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) north of Raleigh.



In this Friday, April 26, 2013 photo, Rabbi Pinchas Herman inspects machinery used for enzyme production for kosher products at Novozymes North America Inc., in Franklinton, N.C. The inspection is an example of how the centuries-old dietary code of observant Jews is adapting to its role as a mark of quality in the global food and drinks industry.

Besides the duties of his congregation, Herman roams the eastern half of the state, investigating components of the food chain ranging from citric acid to chemicals that may line the inside of a can of green beans.

"Somebody's going all the way. They start from the beginning of whatever the process is," said Herman, who was dispatched to Novozymes by the New York-based Orthodox Union, the country's largest kosher certifying organization.

Kosher describes foods that meet dietary laws, based in the Old Testament, on what is fit for people to eat. The dietary laws predominantly deal with three issues. Some animals like

cattle and finned fish are allowed, while others like pork and shellfish aren't. Blood must be drawn out of meat before it's eaten. Meat and milk can't be mixed. There are many details, and rules are more stringent for Passover.

The rabbi's mission is to inspect and audit a food plant, not to bless the process or its products, said Joe Regenstein, a food science professor at Cornell University. They are checking materials used, the past uses of equipment, the piping and other process flow details, he said. Kosher adherence is likely to mean that a food producer will have to keep a detailed list of every ingredient used there, something that they might not otherwise compile.

Nothing's perfect. A New York City kosher food producer saw its inventory seized in April after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration found widespread rodent infestation. But millions of U.S. consumers like the idea that someone besides government food inspectors is checking their food.

U.S. sales of kosher pre-

pared foods, meat, fish and dairy topped \$12.5 billion in 2008, according to market research firm Mintel. That was projected to grow by this year to about \$15.3 billion as more and more existing products join Oreo cookies and Tootsie Rolls candy in becoming certified, the firm said.

While only about one out of eight Americans bought kosher products, 62 percent who did reported that the main appeal was food quality, according to a 2009 Mintel consumer survey. Just 14 percent of respondents said their purchases were because they follow kosher religious rules, the survey said.

"It is a quality mark, in the sense that these are companies that are making a commitment to follow some very esoteric laws that have a great deal of detail in terms of operational procedures," Regenstein said.

Mike Ciunci of Berlin, Connecticut, says the kosher label is great for people with food allergies or those like him who are concerned about processed foods. A vegetarian who says he tries to eat as carefully as

he can without obsessing, Ciunci says he looks for kosher and organic labels when shopping.

During Passover, Ciunci looks for the kosher version of Coca-Cola sweetened with sugar instead of high-fructose corn syrup. Many observant Jews do not use products made with corn during the holiday.

Kosher certification offers a model of private-sector food regulation for consumers who worry about food safety and question food labels such as "natural" or "healthy," said Timothy Lytton, the author of the new book "Kosher: Private Regulation in the Age of Industrial Food."

Lytton compares kosher labeling to other marks of quality, such as "fair trade," "environmentally sustainable," and "cruelty-free." Some consumers welcome additional checks now that food is a complex global enterprise in which ingredients come from everywhere and finished goods are sold everywhere, said Lytton, who is a professor at Albany Law School and an Orthodox Jew who keeps kosher. The modern kosher certification system has a number of key elements that increase reliability, he said. Sufficient consumer demand makes companies willing to open up their operations to kosher inspectors and to pay for certification. Kosher certifiers compete for food company clients by developing brands based on reliability, countering incentives to cut corners and ease up on producers. Certifying agencies keep an eye on each other, which reduces mistakes. Finally, a core of vigilant kosher consumers double-checks supermarket labels and reports problems back to the certifiers.

"The system is not perfect," Lytton said, "but it does show that private regulation can be an effective way to assure consumers that the food standards and labels that they rely on are more than just marketing." □

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In this June 5, 2011 file photo, Amanda Bynes arrives at the MTV Movie Awards, in Los Angeles.

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NYPD investigating actress Bynes allegations

JAKE PEARSON
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Investigators on Saturday were looking into allegations made by actress Amanda Bynes that New York Police Department officers sexually assaulted her when she was charged with heaving a marijuana bong out the window of her 36th-floor Manhattan apartment. The 27-year-old former child star first alleged during her arraignment on Friday that police illegally entered her apartment after being called to her building. But in a Twitter message believed to be from the troubled actress posted Saturday, Bynes alleged that her arresting officer also sexually assaulted her. "As it would with any such allegation, regardless of its credibility, IAB is investigating it," said the NYPD's chief spokesman, Paul Browne, referring to the internal affairs bureau. The Twitter handle used to make the sexual assault allegations Saturday does not appear to be verified by the social network—but Bynes' friend, former Hollywood publicist Jonathan Jaxson, said Saturday the tweet was made from Bynes' account. Twitter did not immediately return a request for comment. In court on Friday, the former "Hairspray" star made no mention of the sexual assault allegations, though she did complain of illegal

entry to her apartment. She's been charged with reckless endangerment, attempted tampering with evidence and unlawful possession of marijuana. A law enforcement official who spoke to the Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because of an ongoing investigation said the building manager was with officers at Bynes' apartment when they arrived Thursday night. The official said officers were kept waiting approximately five minutes before she opened the door to them. The same official said the building manager told internal affair investigators nothing untoward happened. Bynes was released by Chief New York County Judge Neil Ross on her own recognizance because, Ross said, he did not believe her to be a flight risk. But in releasing her, Ross also issued a stern warning to Bynes, telling her not to get rearrested or miss any court dates. She's due back in court on July 9. Attempts to reach Bynes' arraignment lawyer were unsuccessful Saturday evening. Bynes rose to fame starring in Nickelodeon's "All That" and has also starred in several films, including 2010's "Easy A." But she has been in the news more recently because of several scrapes with the law and bizarre public behavior. □

Fame part of the family business for Will, Jaden Smith



In this Thursday, May 16, 2013 file photo, Will Smith, left, and Jaden Smith attend "After Earth" Day at the Miami Science Museum in Miami, Fla. The film, "After Earth," opens May 31 in the US, and is set in a future where nature has turned on humans and survivors were forced to start a new civilization on another planet. Jaden plays a trainee trying to follow in the footsteps of his father, a famous military leader played by Smith.

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RYAN PEARSON
AP Entertainment Writer
TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, N.M. (AP) — Will Smith has a new outlook on teenagers: Parents do indeed understand.

The rapper-turned-actor says he's "grown a lot" since writing the Grammy-winning 1988 hit that humorously declared they didn't. All three of his children now at least dabble in music and acting, most notably 14-year-old Jaden, who stars with his father in the new sci-fi film "After Earth," opening Friday. Even in the midst of a globe-hopping promotional tour for the movie, Smith recognizes the downside to making stardom a family affair. "I think that the major risk of this particular business is strictly emotional," he said in a recent interview. "The business has almost a narcotic quality. So it's almost as if you're introducing a narcotic into your kid's life. "So for (wife) Jada (Pinkett Smith) and I, the most important thing is that they have to stay focused and grounded on the fact that they are giving. You don't make movies for your ego. You make movies to transfer information, to bring joy, to add value to the world." At an "After Earth" promo-

tional event at the under-construction Virgin Galactic spaceport in the New Mexico desert, Smith does everything he can to playfully poke at his son's ego. When Jaden loudly drops a water bottle during a TV interview, he's quickly reprimanded: "You're kidding, right? You're kidding. That's the most unprofessional thing I've seen you do." Smith reaches over to shield his son's face from bright camera lights, taunting the teen as a "super mega movie star, towering over you like a shadow over you. And you're living in his shadow. And you've got to do interviews in his shadow." Jaden, obviously accustomed to the teasing, responds with calm confidence and some of dad's hammy humor, saying he lives "naturally" in the spotlight. "You have to try to put your shadow on me," said Jaden, who rode his skateboard through a hall between interviews. "But eventually your arm gets tired and it falls away and you let me go back to my natural state." His father nods in mock sincerity. "Oh that's deep. You are a deep being," he says.

Their film is set in a future where nature has turned on humans and survivors were forced to start a new civilization on another planet. Jaden plays a trainee trying to follow in the footsteps of his father, a famous military leader played by Smith. When the two crash-land on an inhospitable Earth, Jaden's character must prove his own abilities to survive, and save his father in the process. "It is very allegorical in a way, right?" said screenwriter Gary Whitta, who developed the story with Smith and co-wrote the film with director M. Night Shyamalan. "Jaden I'm sure looks up to Will and is like 'Wow, my dad is like the biggest movie star in the world. How can I ever live up to that?' But he's trying." Smith, 44, and Jaden first co-starred together in 2006's "The Pursuit of Happyness." Smith produced his son's hit 2010 remake of "The Karate Kid" with Jackie Chan, which made over \$350 million worldwide. (Smith's last movie, last summer's "Men In Black 3," earned over \$600 million globally.) Smith said he wants his family to be successful in the entertainment industry across generations, and has searched Hollywood history for models. □

'Blue is the Warmest Color' is Cannes' Palme d'Or

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CANNES, France (AP) —

The tender, sensual lesbian romance "Blue is the Warmest Color: The Life of Adele" won the hearts of the 66th Cannes Film Festival, taking its top honor, the Palme d'Or.

The jury, headed by Steven Spielberg, took the unusual move of awarding the Palme not just to Tunisian-born director Abdellatif Kechiche, but also to the film's two stars: Adele Exarchopoulos and Lea Seydoux. The three clutched each other as they accepted the award, one of cinema's greatest honors.

"The film had a beautiful French youth that I discovered during the long time filming the movie," said Kechiche at the festival closing ceremony Sunday. "It taught me a lot about the spirit of freedom."

Exarchopoulos stars in the French film as a 15-year-old girl whose life is changed when she falls in love with an older woman, played by Seydoux. The three-hour film caught headlines for its lengthy, graphic sex scenes, but bewitched festival goers with its heart-breaking coming of age story.

"Life of Adele," which premiered at Cannes just days after France legalized gay marriage, was hailed as



Actress Lea Seydoux, left, director Abdellatif Kechiche, centre, and Adele Exarchopoulos pose with the Palme d'Or award for the film *La Vie D'Adele* during a photo call after an awards ceremony at the 66th international film festival, in Cannes, southern France, Sunday, May 26, 2013

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a landmark film for its intimate portrait of a same-sex relationship.

"The film is a great love story that made all of us feel privileged to be a fly on the wall, to see this story of deep love and deep heartbreak evolve from the beginning," said Spielberg. "The director didn't put any constraints on the narrative, on the storytelling. He let the scenes play as long as scenes play in real life." Spielberg called Kechiche ("Games of Love and Chance," "The Secret of the Gran") a "sensitive, observant filmmaker."

Cannes' feting of "Life of

Adele" came the same day tens of thousands of protesters marched against the new law Sunday in Paris, and police clashed with some demonstrators. Seydoux called the film "a witness to our time."

"If it can show everyone tolerance, then it's gratifying," said Exarchopoulos. But jury member Cristian Mungiu, the Romanian director, said current events had no bearing on the decision. "We were giving awards to cinema," said Mungiu. "Not for political statements." "Gay marriage is something that many brave states in

America are resolving," said Spielberg. "This film actually carries a wry, strong message, a very positive message." The Palme d'Or, which the jury selected from the 20 films in competition at Cannes, had been viewed as a relatively wide-open race ahead of Sunday's awards. The festival audience embraced the jury's choice, giving Kechiche and his two stars a standing ovation. "Life of Adele" had ranked highest in critics polls at the French Riviera festival. The jury otherwise spread the awards around.

The Coen brothers' 1960s

folk revival "Inside Llewyn Davis" earned the Grand Prix, Cannes' second most prestigious award. The film's breakout star, Oscar Isaac, accepted the award for the Coens, who won the Palme in 1991 for "Barton Fink." Best actor went to 76-year-old Bruce Dern for Alexander Payne's father-son road trip "Nebraska." Berenice Bejo, the "Artist" star, won best actress for her performance as a single mother balancing a visiting ex-husband and a new fiancé in Asghar Farhadi's "The Past."

The jury prize, Cannes' third top award, went to Kore-eda Hirokazu's gentle switched-at-birth drama "Like Father, Like Son." Mexican filmmaker Amat Escalante took best director for his brutal drug war drama "Heli." Best screenplay went to Zhangke Jia's "A Touch Of Sin," a four-part depiction of the violence wrought by China's economic boom.

Singaporean director Anthony Chen won the Camera d'Or, the award for best first feature, for his "Ilo Ilo." Set during the Asia financial crisis in 1997, the film is about a Singaporean family and its new maid.

Spielberg, whose jury also included Ang Lee, Nicole Kidman and Christoph Waltz, said the group bonded immediately, joking: "I wanted to take them all home with me."

The Palme d'Or can catapult a filmmaker to international renown, and significantly raise the profile of a film. "Life of Adele" was picked up for U.S. distribution during Cannes by IFC's Sundance Selects. Last year's winner, Michael Haneke's "Amour," went on to win best foreign language film at the Oscars, as well as land the rare best picture nomination for a foreign film. In 2011, Terrence Malick's "The Tree of Life" topped Cannes.

Sunday's awards encompassed films from France, Japan, the United States, Mexico, China and Singapore. Said Spielberg: "We crossed the world through these films." □

Actor Tyler Perry donates \$100K to Ohio schools

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) —

Filmmaker and actor Tyler Perry has surprised middle school students in Ohio by showing up at a musical concert and donating \$100,000 to help student athletes in the city's South-Western schools.

The Columbus Dispatch reports that Perry was drawn to Finland Middle School on Friday after seeing a TV report about teacher Mary Mulvany starting a foundation to raise scholarship money to cover fees.

South-Western schools earned national attention when athletics and extra-curricular activities were eliminated after a failed levy in 2009.

The ballot request was later approved by voters, and sports, clubs and other activities were resurrected for a fee.

Perry says he wants to sponsor as many children as possible and wants part of the money to go toward Finland and some to the foundation. □



In this Friday, March 16, 2012 file photo, filmmaker and actor Tyler Perry takes the stage to introduce President Barack Obama during a fundraiser at Perry's film studio, in Atlanta.

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Obama's Gitmo Problem



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Late Wednesday afternoon, less than 24 hours before President Barack Obama made his big national security speech - in which he said, for the umpteenth time, that the prison in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, should be closed - a group of American lawyers representing Guantánamo detainees filed an emergency motion with the U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia. The motion asked the court to order the removal of "unjustified burdens" that the military command at Guantánamo has placed on the detainees, making it nearly impossible for them to meet their lawyers.

Let me tell you about these new burdens, which were imposed in recent months, just as the detainees' desperate hunger strike was gaining momentum. Lawyers used to be able to easily speak to their clients on the telephone, or could visit them in Camp 5 or Camp 6, where the "no value" detainees have been confined for years. (The smaller group of genuine terrorists is held in separate quarters.)

Not anymore. Today, if a lawyer asks to speak with his or her client, a meeting - and even a phone call - must take place at another location. And before they are moved to the location, the detainees are searched for "contraband." According to the legal filings, the search includes touching the genitals and the anus of the detainees - which, as the military well knows, violates the detainees' Muslim faith and will cause them to refuse the meeting. If the detainee does decide to go forward with the meeting, he is then shackled hand and foot, and chained to the floor of a van, in a purposely painful, bent-over position.

The detainees are all in solitary confinement. They are shackled when they are taken to the shower. They cannot speak to their families unless they allow their genitals and anus to be searched. In other words, an already inhumane situation has become even worse on the watch of the president who claims to want to shut the prison down. In his speech on Thursday, the president hit all the right notes. He talked about how holding detainees for an indefinite period without charging them with any crime has made the prison "a symbol around the world for

an America that flouts the rule of law." He noted that it has hurt us with our allies. He even mentioned how absurdly expensive the prison is - nearly \$1 million per prisoner per year. "Is this who we are?" he asked.

"History," he concluded, "will cast a harsh judgment on this aspect of our fight against terrorism." He's right about that. But he will not be immune from that judgment.

In his speech, Obama blamed his failure to close Guantánamo - which, please recall, was one of his most strident campaign promises five years ago - on laws passed by Congress. And, yes, after the failed terrorist attempt to blow up a flight headed to Detroit four years ago, Congress did pass laws making it more difficult to transfer detainees out of Guantánamo.

But Congress didn't make it impossible. The president could have jumped through the hoops Congress now requires and continued moving prisoners out of Guantánamo. But he didn't. Instead, he froze all transfers, including 56 men from Yemen who a national security commission that Obama himself established had "cleared" for transfer. The government, the commission essentially said, had no national security interest in holding these men. Yet Obama continued to let them rot in that Cuban hell. And you wonder why they are on a hunger strike?

Or, for that matter, why the military command at Guantánamo has no compunction about instituting punishing new "burdens" on the detainees even as their commander-in-chief decries what goes on there? (For the record, a military spokesman denies that the heightened searches include genital and anal touching.) Indeed, the current commander of the prison, Rear Adm. John W. Smith Jr., was just named to a cushy new post at the National Defense University. Thumbing one's nose at Obama, as virtually everyone in Washington has learned by now, has no consequences.

It is my belief, shared by many lawyers who have followed the legal battles over Guantánamo, that the president could have shut the prison down if he had really been determined to do so. One reason the prisoners can't get out is that the courts have essentially ruled that a president has an absolute right to imprison anyone he wants during a time of war - with no second-guessing from either of the other two branches of government. By the same legal logic, a president can free any prisoner in a time of war. Had the president taken that stance, there would undoubtedly have been a court fight. But so what? Aren't some things worth fighting for?

Whenever he talks about Guantánamo, the president gives the impression that that's what he believes. The shame - his shame - is that, for all his soaring rhetoric, he has yet to show that he is willing to act on that so-called belief. □



The Women Versus The Ted



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Let's discuss how much better Congress would work if most of the members were women. The Senate seems to be a tad less polarized since the female population rose from 17 to 20 this year.

It's also possible that there's been more productivity since women got more power. For instance, the Budget Committee has a new chair, Patty Murray of Washington, and it has produced a budget for the first time in four years.

It's conceivable that the committee was inspired by a rule that would have canceled the senators' salaries if they didn't deliver. But I'm hoping for a larger picture.

"Women tend to listen to what everybody's needs are, rather than just saying: 'I'm the only bright person in the world and you have to listen to what I say,'" suggested Murray in a phone conversation from her home state, where she was inspecting a spectacular bridge collapse. We will all stop here to envision the moment in the State of the Union address when President Barack Obama called for more bridge repair projects and John Boehner failed to applaud.

The Senate passed its budget two months ago, after 50 hours of debate and an all-night series of 70 amendment votes. The next step was to send members to a House-Senate conference committee, but the Republicans held that up, arguing that before the conference committee could work on an agreement, the Senate should decide what the agreement would say.

The obstructionists' great fear - I swear to you this is true - is that if the House and Senate conferees get together, the Republicans from the House will be so overwhelmed by the charm and power of the Senate Democrats that they'll agree to a grand bargain that includes raising the debt ceiling.

"Let me be clear. I don't trust the Republicans," said Sen. Ted Cruz, a Republican.

This has been going on for ages. Recently, a couple of the Republican senators - John McCain and Susan Collins - demanded that their colleagues stop stalling and follow the rules.

This could be a plus for my argument, since half of that little rebellion is a woman.

But it also brings up a second possibility, that if the Senate is inching slightly closer to the middle, it's because many of the Republicans are beginning to reject Tea Party extremism due to their hatred of Ted Cruz.

"It has been suggested that those of us who are fighting to defend liberty, fighting to turn around the out-of-control spending and out-of-control debt in this country, fighting to defend the Constitution - it has been suggested that we are wacko birds," Cruz said proudly. "Well, if that is the case, I will suggest to my friend from Arizona there may be more wacko birds in the Senate than is suspected."

Actually, no student of the Senate has ever suggested a wacko bird shortage.

Cruz is aligned with other young Tea Party Republicans, including Mike Lee of Utah and Rand Paul of Kentucky.

They're all very conservative and very talkative, but senators target Cruz as the one who just goes on and on and on and on.

He's definitely the person responsible for bringing back the maverick version of John McCain. You will remember McCain the campaign finance reformer who kept co-sponsoring bills about global warming with Joe Lieberman. The one John Kerry thought about making his running mate before Kerry stumbled on the truly exceptional alternative of John Edwards.

The maverick McCain evolved into John McCain, terrible presidential candidate, and then John McCain, terrified right-wing Senate re-election candidate. The sullen, superpartisan version was bitter about losing the presidency to a cocky young whippersnapper like Barack Obama. But now McCain sees an Obama who has become winningly gray-haired and beleaguered. While in his place there is Ted Cruz, who is younger and cockier and a trillion times more irritating.

"When I travel across the state of Texas, men and women stop me all the time, and say: 'Enough of the games.'

Go up there, roll up your sleeves, work with each other and fix the problem,'" Cruz lectured his colleagues this week, while he was engaged in stopping the budget process dead in its tracks for the ninth straight time.

So, people, who do you think has been more helpful in edging the Senate toward a pinch of progress? The women or Ted Cruz? One strives for collegiality by holding regular bipartisan dinners. One called his colleagues "squishes" for opposing a gun control filibuster. □

I'm sticking with the girls. "Women seem to know how to work in a way that at least moves the process," said Sen. Barbara Mikulski of Maryland, the new chair of Appropriations. If you can agree on how to proceed, then maybe someday you get some progress. On the other hand, Ted Cruz has memorized the Constitution. □

As Boozy Invaders Hit Beach, Hamptons Sound Snooki Alert

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AMAGANSETT, N.Y. - For generations, few beaches in the Hamptons were more coveted and jealously protected than Indian Wells.

Its high dunes and wide stretches of clean white sand have inspired painters and writers, and have fed real estate values of up to \$20 million for the mansions that face it. And only cars with the blue-and-white permits of town homeowners can be parked in its lot, giving the beach an exclusive, local flavor.

Then, last summer, they started arriving by bus and by van, including one with an ominous black pirate flag - hundreds of young partyers from parts unknown, hauling kegs and cases of beer with them, guzzling it down fraternity style and, in a couple of cases immortalized in police summonses, relieving themselves in the dunes. The local newspaper, The East Hampton Star, called it The Invasion of the Beery Beach Blanketeers.

Now, in the quieter precincts of the Hamptons, some residents are fearing that the shift in the societal order could be made worse this year by a new wave of partyers, driven north by Hurricane Sandy rebuilding efforts at New Jersey's rowdy beaches.

They raise the question with only half-mock horror: Could Nicole Polizzi - aka "Snooki" - be far behind, she who came to personify beach side drunken, disorderly conduct on MTV?

The worry is less about the newcomers' origins, they say, than about their tranquility-shattering behavior. "You don't want to come across as snooty, but it's about peace and quiet for all of us," said Dayna Winter, 49, a registered dietitian and a year-round resident who watched with dismay last summer as some of the partyers tried to entice her 15-year-old niece to join them. (They failed.) "It's not a party scene; it's not what we want it to become."

"With the devastation of Sandy," she added, "we're all a little nervous."

Every year there is a new sense of invasion in the Hamptons, much of it based on perception and anecdotal evidence that the crowds keep getting larger and, recently, louder. But some statistics back it up.

Hampton Jitney, the largest city-to-East End bus service, says its ridership has grown by roughly 5 percent each year since 2008. The Long Island Rail Road reports that summer ridership on its Hamptons-bound branch, the Montauk Line, increased by more than 30 percent - to 196,000 rides - from 2011 to 2012. Railroad officials expect it to rise that much more this season as they move the embarkation point of their crowded, Friday afternoon beach express, the Cannonball, to Penn Station from the less accessible Hunters Point, Queens.

The express' two reserved cars on Friday had a backlog of 500 requests, this for a Memorial Day weekend that was predicted to be



Tyler Fletcher, right, and Derrick Lachmann head to the Hamptons via the Cannonball express from Penn Station in New York, May 24, 2013.

(Robert Stolarik/The New York Times)

road's the best bet," said the railroad's vice president for customer service, Joe Calderone. This is not necessarily welcome news for the helicopter set.

The boom in public transportation arrivistes is in keeping with the latest phase in the Hamptons' evolution, which has historically involved a tangle of

tauget tribe, their fields of livestock and crops gave way to a privileged world symbolized by old-money estates, khakis and blue blazers. Eventually came the nouveau riche with their mega-mansions, corporate planes and over-the-top tent parties. That invasion continues, exemplified by Jennifer Lopez's

and apparently thirstier, group of day-trippers.

"There was a time when you had to be on the inside to be part of the Hamptons, and that's not true anymore," said the East Hampton-based author Steven Gaines, whose 1998 book "Philistines at the Hedgerow" gave him something approaching Walter Cronkite status on the East End. "It's become a tourist stop, and it has lost some of its exclusivity."

But, he said, perhaps this is inevitable in the Hamptons, where "It's always a conflict between Them versus Us, and Them always wins." Longtime residents say they have been here before. David E. Rattray, 49, the editor of East Hampton Star, said similar concerns swept Amagansett when a new group of young partyers took over a different part of the beach - which locals named Asparagus Beach, comparing the standing beachgoers to asparagus stalks - in the 1970s. "It was the same kind of hand-wringing hysteria, that 'It's the end of civilization as we know it,'" he said.

Rattray is the fifth member of his family to edit the newspaper over the span of three generations, with roots in the community since the 1600s. □



A new wave of revelers arrive in East Hampton, N.Y., May 24, 2013. Some Hampton residents are fearing that the shift in the societal order could be made worse this year by a new wave of partyers from New Jersey, driven north by Hurricane Sandy rebuilding efforts at their own rowdy beaches.

(Gordon M. Grant/The New York Times)

a chilly washout. "People want to get out there and they want to get out there in a hurry, and unless they have a helicopter, the rail-

class and sensibility issues, localism, and environmental concerns.

Long after English settlers barged in on the Mon-

recent purchase of a \$10 million home in Watermill and the gridlock of helicopters at local airports.

Now there comes a new,